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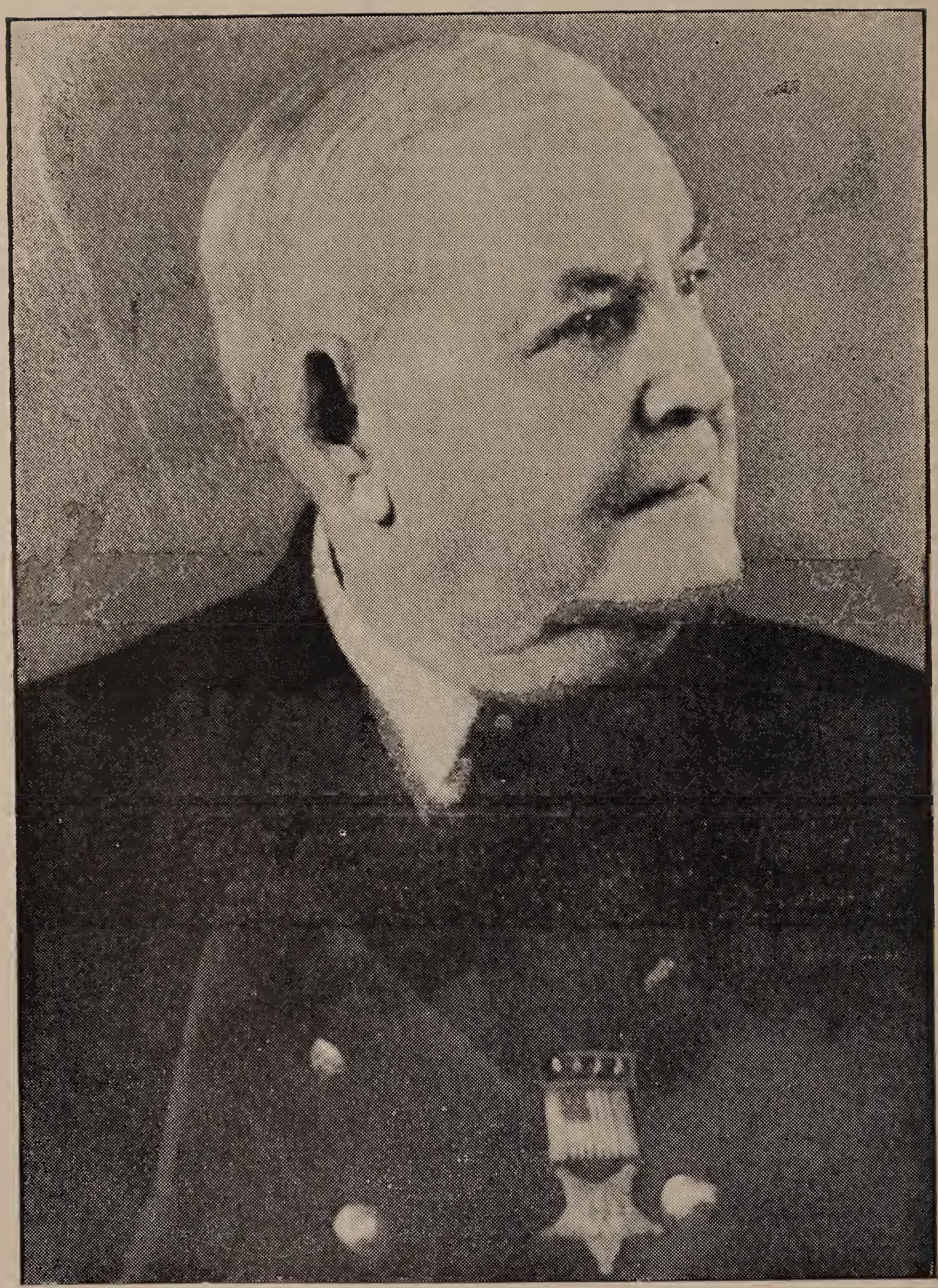

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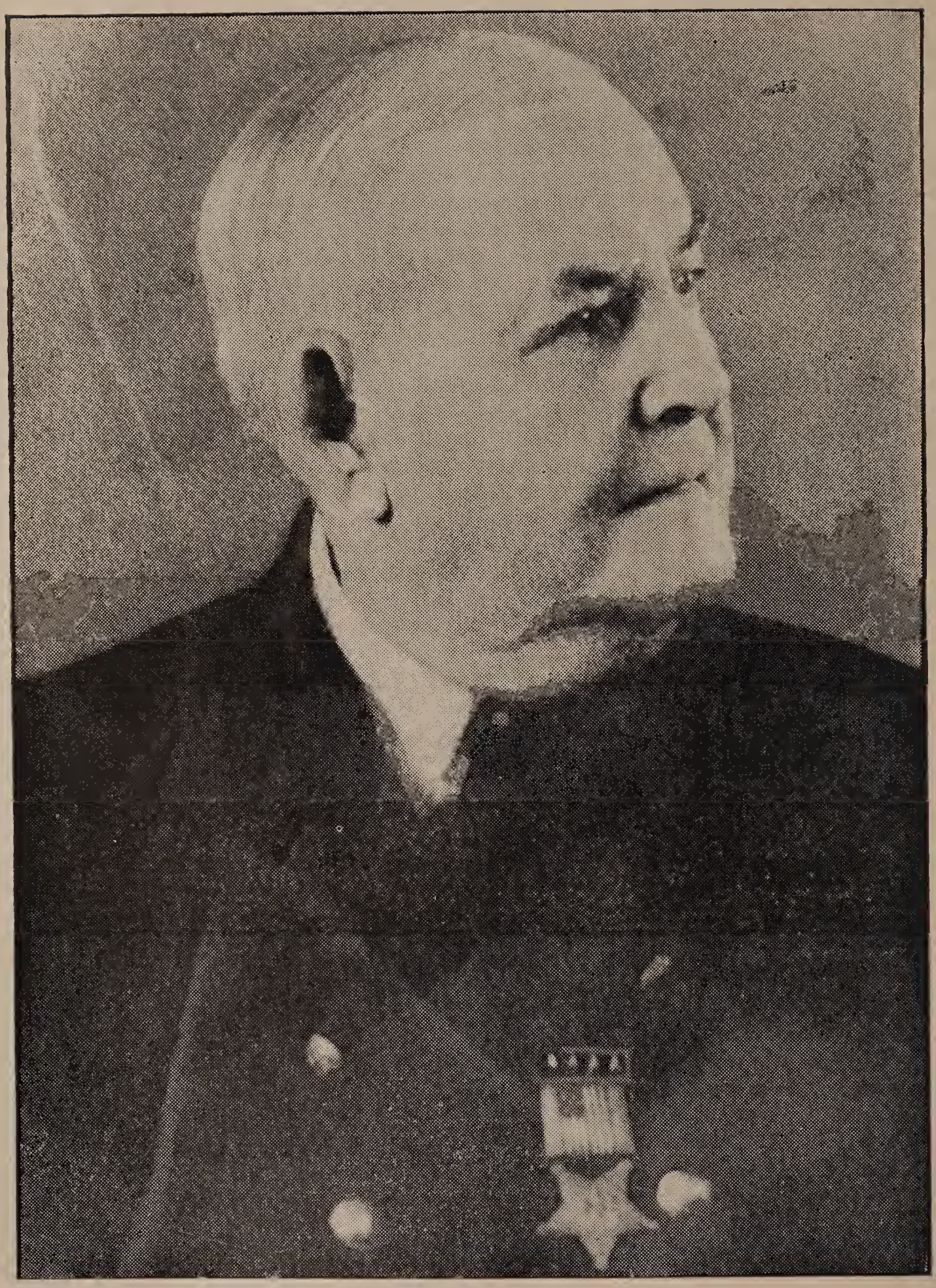

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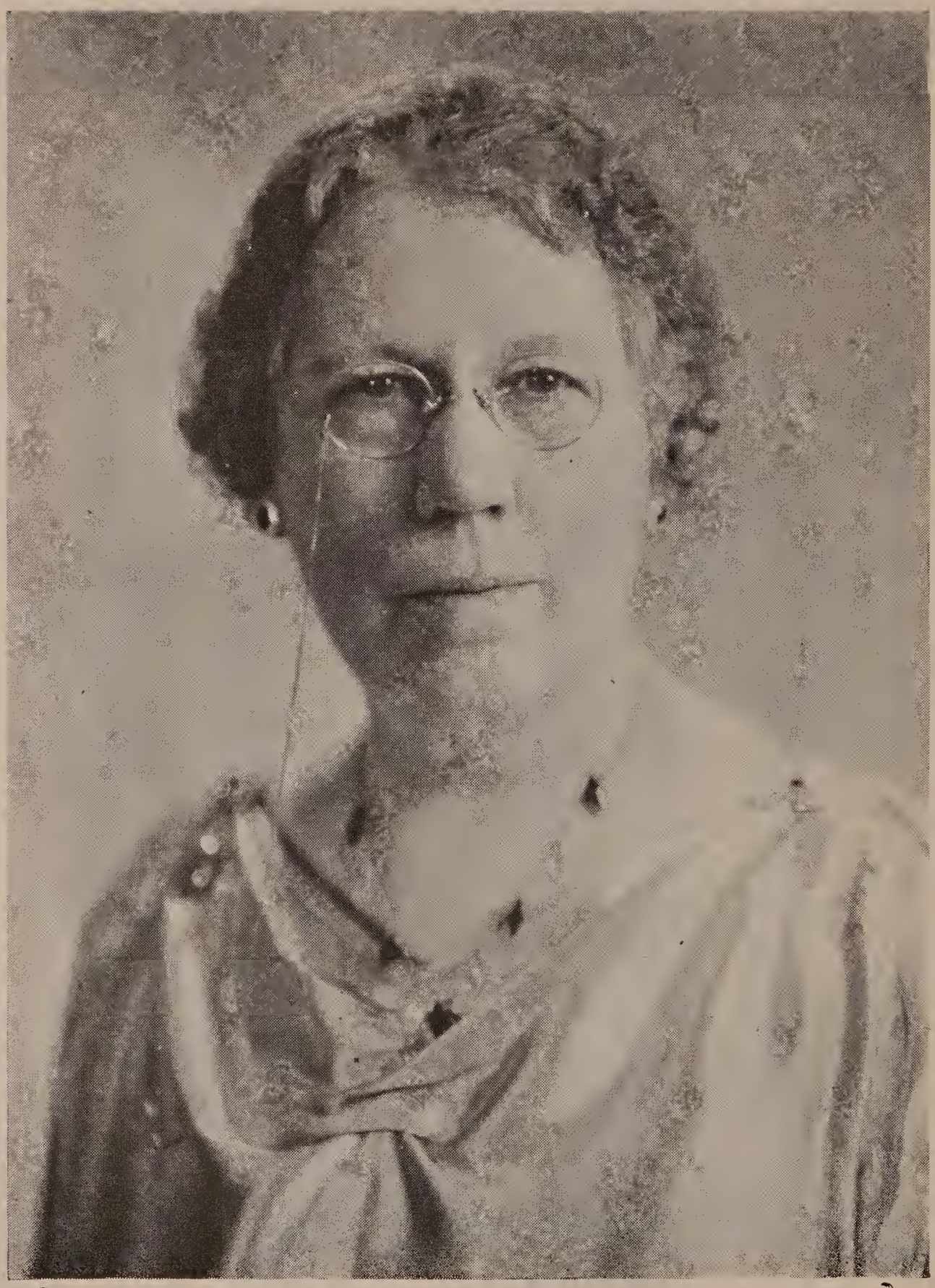

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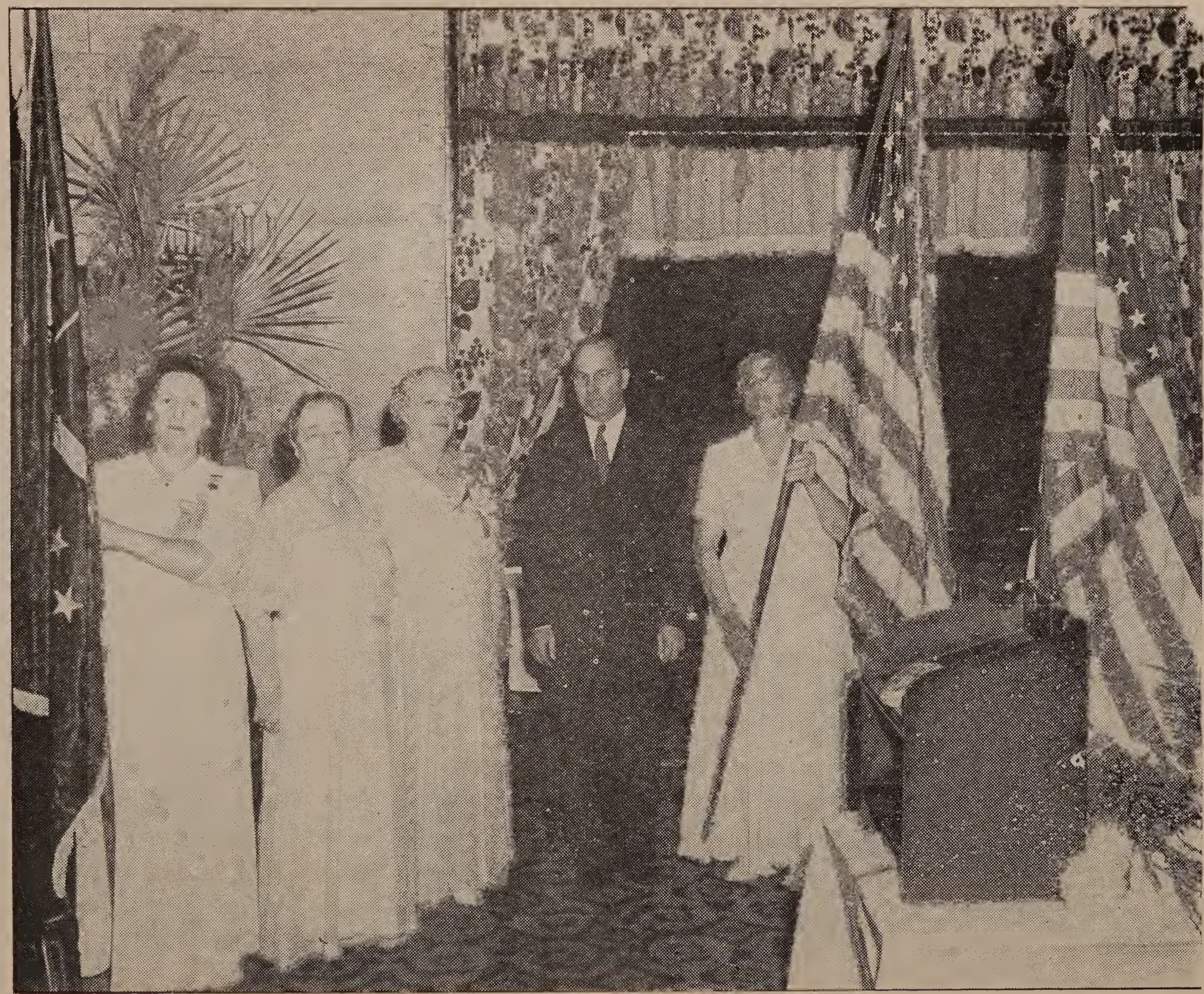

Convention Notes

NATIONAL FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES ANNUAL REPORT

September 13, 1942—Indianapolis, Indiana

MEETING

The Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the National Federated Patriotic Societies was held Sunday, September 13, 1942, at 3:00 o'clock in the Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel.

The room beautifully decorated in red, white and blue garlands and tassel festoons made a very striking and appropriate setting for this patriotic group.

The membership in attendance was a very large one. Mrs. Ella Almond of Indianapolis, Department President of the Indiana Federated, called the assembly to order and asked that Mrs. Clara Gallagher, President of the National body, and her staff, be escorted to the rostrum. Each officer was escorted by a member of the Indianapolis Unit.

Mrs. Gallagher extended her greetings and expressed her appreciation for the fine representation from the various Departments.

Colors were advanced by members of the Indianapolis Unit with Mrs. Clementine Vanasdal, President, in the lead. Members of the American Legion acted as Color Guards.

Pledge of allegiance was given, led by Patriotic Instructor Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig. The invocation was given by Chaplain Mrs. Grace Houlette Hahn. The Leaders of the affiliated groups were escorted and introduced. They were: Mrs. May Luchsinger, National President, Woman's Relief Corps; Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army; Mr. Albert C. Lambert, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans, and Mrs. Margaret D. Schroeder, National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans. Mrs. J. J. Browne, of Indianapolis, represented the National President of the Dames of Loyal Legion of America, the National President being unable to be with us.

Mrs. Vanasdal presented beautiful gifts to President Gallagher and others, from the Federated Unit of Indianapolis.

Roll call of officers found the following present: President Clara Gallagher, Chaplain Grace Houlette Hahn, Patriotic Instructor Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, and Secretary-Treasurer Eva B. Blackman. Mrs. Lehmann, Vice President, and Mrs. Good, Historian, were both absent owing to illness in their families. Roll call of Departments found all Departments except two represented.

Minutes of 1941 meeting held at Columbus, Ohio, read and approved.

President Gallagher read her message telling how she had kept in touch with Federated Units and that she felt the Allied Orders must keep together now more than ever before. This report will be found elsewhere in its entirety. Reports of officers followed that of the President and each brought out points of the utmost value to us concerning present day conditions as well as for the future. Secretary-Treasurer Blackman recommended in her report that the dues of the National Federated Patriotic Societies be increased to fifteen ($15.00) dollars a year. She explained that fifty dollars a year received from the five affiliated orders was not sufficient to cover running expenses and that the added five dollars from each organization would insure the meeting of our obligations. After some discussion, it was moved by Past National President Kate

Raynor, seconded by several, that the dues be raised from ten dollars a year to fifteen dollars. Motion carried.

Reports of Departments followed, and from these reports it was gratifying to know that the patriotic feeling in the various Units and Departments has reached a new high. These reports showed very much activity was in progress and that new endeavors were being launched, all too numerous to mention in this report.

Under unfinished business, the committee appointed last year to study the resolution presented by the Daughters of the Grand Army to be admitted to the membership of this Society and also to report on the results of the invitation to the Daughters of Union Veterans to again affiliate themselves with this Society, was ready to report. Mr. William L. Anderson, who was appointed chairman, was unable to attend but his report was in the hands of the Secretary and same was read. On the resolution from the Daughters of the Grand Army, it was voted that until such time as the request comes from their National Organization no action be taken by this Society.

In regards to the invitation to the Daughters of Union Veterans to again affiliate themselves with this Patriotic group it was voted that no further action be taken until the request to join again comes from their National Body.

It was a pleasure to have three Comrades at this meeting. They were escorted and introduced, each called upon for remarks and every honor accorded them. Also in attendance were seven Past National Presidents of this National Body. They were Kate Raynor, Sarah J. Ehrmann, Lillian Clark Carey, Mary J. Love, Margaret Grandle, Ida Lewis and Frances M. Kuhns. Each spoke on the value of the Federated and how its importance could be made felt. Mrs. Ehrmann read an article of some length in which Senator Taft came to the defense of our patriotic orders and after much discussion the result was a unanimous vote that a message be sent to Senator Taft commending him on the stand he takes on our Patriotic Societies and that it be made known to him that the affiliated orders in this Society are members of the American Coalition and that we impress the fact that we are allied with the Grand Army of the Republic.

Election of officers being the next order of business the following were elected: President, Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, Ladies of the Grand Army; Vice President, Albert C. Lambert, Sons of Union Veterans; Chaplain, Mrs. Margaret D. Schroeder, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. May R. Luchsinger, Woman's Relief Corps; Historian, Mrs. David D. Good, and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Grace Houlette Hahn, Woman's Relief Corps.

After brief remarks by several the meeting adjourned.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The Annual Banquet of the National Federated Patriotic Societies was held in the Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel at 6:30 o'clock.

National President Clara Gallagher presided in her usual gracious manner and extended a friendly welcome to all.

Amongst the distinguished guests were Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Gay, Grand Army of the Republic; Comrade Robert M. Round, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. All gave pleasing remarks. We were very pleased to have these honored guests as well as all others. Due to the lateness of the hour and because many of the guests were due at another meeting following the banquet, all remarks were very brief.

Toast to the "Grand Army" was given by Mrs. May Luchsinger, National President, Woman's Relief Corps. Albert C. Lambert, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans, was the speaker of the evening. Tribute to the "National Federated Patriotic Societies" was given by Mrs. Margaret D. Schroeder, National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, and to "Our Flag" by Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army.

Remarks were had from other guests. President Gallagher introduced the newly elected officers for 1943 after which this very pleasant affair closed.

Sincere thanks of the Federated is extended to Mrs. Clementine Vanasdal, President of the Indianapolis Unit, and her associates for the favors of Grand Army hats which were their gift to those who attended the Banquet and for their splendid co-operation in assisting in the arrangements for this affair.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Memorial service was held in the Travertine Room of the Lincoln Hotel, Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

The Rostrum was banked with palms and ferns in the center a large which cross entertwined with smilax and a profusion of cut flowers at the base. At either side was a Flag of the United States and the Christian Flag which made a beautiful setting.

Those taking part in the service, filed slowly into the room to the strains of soft music, escorted by members of the Convention committee, robed in white formals, each carrying a flag. The Department Presidents clad in white also took their places on either side of the room.

National Senior Vice President, Eunice Rash called the meeting to order and introduced the National Chaplain, Arada Doughty, who conducted the service.

"We have gathered here to pay tribute to the memory of those who have closed the Book of Life and gone to dwell in the House of the Lord forever. Throughout this life with all its joys, there coes a measure of sadness.

Sunshine and sorrow have been engraven upon our hearts since last we met. Let us, therefore remembering the uncertainty of life, pause amid the duties of the present that demand our attention, to give unto those who are no longer here, that honor and respect which their memories envoke."

As our National Soloist Marie L. Harkins, sang "The Old Rugged Cross" the Cross was lighted and remained lighted during the service.

Prayer by the National Chaplain:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we bow in submission to Thy Will, and although that day was dark when the shadow of death passed over us and grief filled our hearts, we would believe that Thy way is best. Look down in compassion upon the members here assembled and let the glory of Thy righteousness so light our pathway, that we may be comforted by Thy promise to strengthen and uphold us, and to lead us through the shadow of death into life eternal. As we pay tribute to the memory of our loved ones, may we be drawn closer to Thee and to each other. O may the sacred memory of their good deeds be an inspiration to us and cause us to want to live better lives, and may Thy richest blessings be with those whose eyes are dimmed with tears at the parting. Comfort them as Thou alone canst comfort. Help them more fully to understand

that Thou doest walk with them even through the valley of the shadow of death. Help us to look to the cross of Christ that all our sins may be forgiven, help us to serve Thee in this world, that when we are called to Eternity, we with those we love dwell forever with Thee. Amen

Tribute to the memory of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, was given by Past National President, Clara N. Sawyer. A spray of white carnations and fern was placed at the base of the Cross by Past National President Sarah J. Eehrman in their memory. Past National President Cassea H. Orsborn gave the tribute to our Sisters who had passed away during the year and Past National President Edwina P. Trigg placed a spray for them.

National Chaplain—"As we pause at this time to honor our loved ones who have been called into the beautiful Garden of Tomorrow we miss the smiles which have lighted our meetings, and the warmth of their friendly handclasps; but the Heavenly Gardner has called them, that His garden might be made more beautiful. They have answered the call, and today we pay to them our tribute of Love".

Solo, "In the Garden of Tomorrow", National Soloist Marie L. Harkins.

Past National President Cora M. Rowling gave a tribute "In this Garden of Rememberance".

National Chaplain—"We are indeed thankful to Him, who doeth all things well that our chain of National officers remained unbroken, but over the lives of some of our members the shadow has fallen with a darkness through which shines not a ray of light. To these sad hearts we tender our sincere sympathy".

At this time two members of the Convention committee, Sisters Eva Johnson and Flossie Depew, wearing white robes approached the altar where two large blue vases had been placed. Past National President Orpha M. Whittaker called the Roll of Departments and the Department Presidents marched on either side to the front of the room and back to the altar, forming a V for Victory as they placed white carnations and ferns in vases as they repeated a scriptural verse. Past National President, Frances M. Kuhns recited the Twenty-third Psalm at the altar and escorted the conductors carrying the vases of flowers where they were placed at the Cross.

Mary Susan Singer, of Indiana sang "Face to Face".

Our Senior Vice President, Eunice Rash led in the closing Prayer.

Taps, sung by Monterey Stewart, of California, closed a very impressive Service.

RECEPTION

Governor and Mrs. Henry F. Schricker, and elected State Officials tendered a reception in the Governor's Parlors at the State House to Commander-in-Chief Gay Tuesday evening, Sept. 15th. Those in the receiving line with Governor and Mrs. Schricker and Commander-in-Chief Gay included Past Commanders-in-Chief, Robt. M. Rownd, A. T. Anderson, W. W. Nixon, Lt. Gov. Charles M. Dawson, State Officials and their wives, Mrs. Gay, Miss Irma Nixon, and the National leaders of all the Allied Organizations. The Marine Band provided the music and played in the State House Corridor, while hundreds of the citizens of Indianapolis, and members of the different Orders paid their respect to their Commander-in-Chief, with every good wish for his welfare. The thanks of our

Organization is tendered Governor and Mrs. Schricker and his associates for the courtesy to our Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

G. A. R. MEMORIAL

The English Theatre was filled to capacity Sunday evening when the Grand Army of the Republic and members of the Allied Organizations gathered to pay tribute to those of the Grand Army who had answered the last Roll Call. Hon. Mark Gray, Chairman of Encampment Committee presided. Captain Wm. F. Santelmann led the United States Marine Band in a concert of sacred and appropriate music. The invocation given by Rev. Albert V. Deery, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church was followed by selections by the O. E. S. Chorus. Commander-in-Chief Gay placed a floral tribute of golden flowers in memory of his Comrades; Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, with the heads of the other Organizations likewise placed floral tributes, which formed a beautiful golden "V" when completed. Tributes to the deceased members of the Grand Army followed with Arada Doughty, National Chaplain, giving the tribute for our Organization.

Dr. Marion Smith, Pastor of Central Avenue Methodist Church gave the principal address with his text "Refresh us for today's battle that victory through your living spirit may be ours and victory prevail;" and, took the life of Gen. U. S. Grant as a symbol of the Grand Army of the Republic—wanting nothing when service was rendered; always ready to start again if defeated; giving aid to those less fortunate after the War; and to the reconstruction of our country; working until the last breath to tell the story; remaining always in the hearts of a grateful nation. The benediction by Rev. C. Roland Pickhardt, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, followed by Taps by the Marine Band closed this impressive service.

SEMI-OFFICIAL MEETING

The spacious English Theatre was the setting Monday night for the Semi-Official Meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic and Allied Organizations. Beginning at 7:30 o'clock the United States Marine Band gave a delightful 45 minute concert led by Capt. Wm. F. Santelmann. Hon. Mark Gray, Chairman of the Encampment Committee presided. Hon. Henry F. Schricker, Governor of Indiana who expressed his pleasure in welcoming the Grand Army to Indianapolis for their 6th Encampment said in part—

"We dedicate ourselves anew in the presence of the heroes of nearly four score years ago, to the elimination of a slavery worse than anything this country ever knew—the slavery being perpetrated by the butchers of Germany, Italy and Japan. There have been bigger and better equipped armies than the ones of the 'Boys in Blue' but history will bear witness that there has never been a nobler or grander army than the Grand Army of the Republic."

Proud to welcome and extend greetings, to the Grand Army other speakers included Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan; V. M. Armstrong, representing Lynn U. Stambaugh, National Commander of the American Legion; Isaac W. Sharp, Commander of the Indiana Department of the G. A. R.; and Harold Brendell, of the Indianapolis Chapter of the American Red Cross. As Commander-in-Chief Gay stepped forward to respond, Wm. F. Santelmann led the Band in "Hail to the Chief." Greetings were extended then to the Grand Army, and a substantial check from each Allied Organiza-

tion was given by the National Leaders. Ethelyn P. Smith presented our check for $1,000 making a total of $4,700. Past Commander-in-Chief Robert M. Rownd responded in a voice so clear and strong that he needed no "mike" to carry it to his delighted listeners. Seeing the joy on the faces of OUR Grand Army when our gifts are presented, who of us, who are so grateful to have them with us, would think anything too great for their happiness, the years that are left to them here.

THE CAMP FIRE

A real Camp Fire was held Wednesday evening in the English Theatre. Hon. Mark Gray, Chairman presided over a splendid program when the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic delighted the large audience with their Reminiscences, of War Days, of battles which long since have become history. Stirring airs by the U. S. Marine Band interspersed the program and were particularly enjoyed by the Comrades.

Brigadier-General Frank T. Hines, Washington, Administrator, Veterans Affairs, the principal speaker, in his address said: "Can any of you imagine the desperate conditions we would have to face as two separate nations—north and south—with our resources and manpower divided in a manner which would hamper our unity of action? I do, for I stand humbly before you tonight knowing that your efforts and sacrifices have preserved this precious country as a land of opportunity—where freedom exists for all." Representative Louis Ludlow also was a speaker during this impressive program. He reviewed the history of the G. A. R. and how it had met in Indianapolis five other times, including the first Encampment in Nov., 1866. "Forty-nine years ago this month, I did my first job of newspaper reporting when I covered the 27th National Encampment in this city for the old Indianapolis Sun. At that time the G. A. R. had 397,223 members and more than 100,000 attended the Encampment. We gladly welcome you, and we honor you, as a GRAND ARMY tonight for you have made possible the unmatched strength which we possess today as the greatest and strongest nation that has existed anywhere in the history of the world."

G. A. R. PARADE

Age took a "holiday" and the "Boys in Blue" were on the march again Wednesday, Sept. 16th in their Annual Review. Crowds in an awed and reverent manner thronged the streets along the line of march, and every available window was filled, in an effort to catch a glimpse of the Grand Army of the Republic, a sight which stirred memories of days gone by when our nation was in peril, and has inspired the young soldier in "khaki and navy blue" of today.

Police escort, State and City Officials and the American Legion, led by the colorful United States Marine Band in full, with their famous leader, Captain Wm. F. Santelmann set the martial tempo of World War No. 2, and presented patriotic strains, as they passed first, in the review, followed by Comrade Chas. H. Perry, Chief-of-Staff with the official escort — 100 uniformed Sons of Veterans reserves. Leading these reserves was Albert C. Lambert, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans. Commander-in-Chief, George A. Gay rode at the head of his army followed by the Department Commanders and their Comrades; and watchers were unashamed of the tears that dimmed their eyes.

while mothers told their small children to "see the Soldiers of the Grand Army," with the hope they would always remember the sight.

The reviewing stand was on the steps of the Federal Building and from here the Comrades and Heads of the Allied Orders, Gov. Schricker, and other dignitaries, watched the remainder of the parade, which included units from all branches of Patriotic Orders, and the Army, Navy, Marines, and the Home Guards of the U. S. Service. Airplanes, swooping down from overhead, added much to the thrill of the occasion. Only six Comrades were able to march, and they received a "glad hand" as they marched along. Commander L. H. Easterly of the Colorado and Wyoming Department created a sensation when he danced a "jig" on the Circle, between an escort of admiring Boy Scouts. The oldest Veteran to march was 97 year old Comrade R. R. Graham, Madisonville, Ky.; and 96 year old Robert T. Barrett, Princeton, Ky., who marched beside him complained that he "wanted to carry a Flag, too," but they wouldn't let him. Others marching were Comrade R. E. Colemar, 93, Lincoln, Nebr.; O. H. Castle, 95, Department Commander, California and Nevada; and Maj. Albert Gage, 97, Chicago, Ill.

As we think of the parades of years gone by, seeing the ranks growing thinner each year, it would seem that this, the greatest army of all time, is gradually passing out into the West to be "mustered in" to a Greater Day.

NATIONAL BETSY ROSS CLUB BREAKFAST

The National Betsy Ross Club Breakfast was held in the Gold Room, Lincoln Hotel, Tuesday 7:30 A. M.

The National President of the Betsy Ross Club, Frances Rohrbach presided.

Alberta Carothers, Chaplain led in prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was given by Bertha Hodgkinson, Patriotic Instructor.

The President introduced the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Ethelyn P. Smith, who greeted the members and she was presented with a beautiful taffeta silk Flag from the Club and with a personal gift from Sister Rohrbach.

Twelve Past National Presidents of the Ladies were seated at a special table as well as the Past Presidents of the Club. At each place was found souvenirs from Frances Myers and Bessie Hart and miniature gavels and sunflowers with chocolate centers were gifts from the President who explained the gavels were not for "knocking" but signified how our worries and responsibilities shrink after we pass out of office and the sunflower represents the state from which Sister Rohrbach hailed "Kansas".

Sister Rohrbach was presented a Glorified framed Flag by Sadie Mae Williams as a gift from the Club and also a personal gift from Sadie Mae, a hand painted Amaranth framed emblem.

The National Patriotic Instructor of the Ladies was introduced and was presented with two large Flags mounted with brass spear heads and brass stands to be in turn presented through the National Organization to the Scout Troops. Sister Marie was very much surprised as well as overjoyed at this gift and received them with a lovely speech of acceptance.

The History of the Betsy Ross Travel Flag was read by the Clubs Patriotic Instructor, Bertha Hodgkinson.

Sister Dorotheo Thon, of Rochester presented each officer with crocheted red, white and blue bells, to be worn on coat or dress. Hand-made gifts were at the officers places, gifts of President Rohrbach.

Business session of the Club was held at 7:30 P. M. with another large attendance.

The new President for the coming year is Mrs. Irene Mangel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

One of the resolutions passed was that each member of the Club is required to pay their dues each year. If not present send it in.

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCHEON

One of the delightful affairs of the Convention was the Complimentary luncheon to the National President and delegates, Tuesday noon. The National President, her officers and Past National Presidents were seated at a special table and the delegates at smaller tables partook of a delicious luncheon given in the Travertine Room, Lincoln Hotel, by the Convention committee.

It seems this committee must have worked untiringly making plans for our pleasure, for more than 200 delegates found preparations for all. Favors of souvenir pencils with the name of our National President on them had been furnished by Bessie Hart; Lincoln Pictures by Ella Almond; Victory Banks brought from California by Catherine Schroeder. Bessie Hart, Chairman, presided and introduced her honored guests and Carrie Henschen, Department President, of Indiana. Musical selections were given during the luncheon. Two Indiana songs by Annabel Buchan of Chicago and two string selections by Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hill, Indianapolis.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST

A very lovely affair was the National President's Breakfast given by the Convention Committee Wednesday morning, September 16th in the Lincoln Room, Lincoln Hotel, honoring the National President, her Staff of Officers and Past National Presidents.

Bessie Hart, Chairman, presided and the National President and guests were introduced. A clever program was given by Eva Johnson, Washington, Frances Meyer of Lafayette and Claudia Erther of Indianapolis. The tables were decorated with flower favors. Flags furnished by Bessie Hart and Lincoln Pictures by Ella Almond and Catherine Schroeder, of California made the pretty place cards that graced each place.

The National President, Ethelyn P. Smith thanked the Committee for the lovely breakfast and for all of the work they had done to make this lovely Convention possible and assured them of her love and appreciation.

MOTHERS' AND FATHERS' BANQUET

We wish that every member of our Order could have been present at our Convention to enjoy the splendid events that took place. The Mothers' and Fathers' Banquet at 6:30 P. M. Wednesday evening in the Travertine Room, Lincoln Hotel was an inspiring sight and truly one of the high lights of the Convention.

Past National President, Frances M. Kuhns, Chairman, graciously introduced National President, Ethelyn P. Smith, and honored guests.

Past National Commander, Robert M. Rownd was to represent Commander Gay but just as the guests were seated the Commander

made his appearance saying "I just had to come" and he was introduced and welcomed with great applause. Frances M. Kuhns then introduced the twenty-one comrades who honored us by their presence.

The inspiring address by Lillian Clark Cary, Orator of our Order, in her "Tribute to Our Flag" followed by Marie L. Harkins, Soloist in her tribute in song "My Own United States." When Clara N. Sawyer, Past National President paid Tribute to Our Fathers and was followed with the solo "Faith of our Fathers." Cassea H. Orsborn, Past National President to OUR MOTHERS and the soloist sang "Wonderful Mother of Mine". Edwina P. Trigg, Past National President, "Our Country" and "God Bless America." When all joined in this Tribute the whole fourteenth floor of the hotel rang with the song. The U. S. Marine Orchestra favored us with selections during the dinner and later Monterey Stewart of California sang "The Blue Danube" accompanied by the Marine Orchestra and was warmly complimented by the leader. Several Comrades extended greetings and as the evening drew to a close it seemed that the presence of these Comrades was a benediction.

PIONEERS LUNCHEON

The Pioneers Club is composed of members who have been in the Order twenty-five years or more. About seventy-five members enjoyed the "Pioneer Luncheon", Thursday noon, Sept. 17th in Parlor E, Lincoln Hotel. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and souvenirs. Each National Officer of the Pioneer Club contributed souvenirs from her State. Napkins from Washington, D. C.; Tally cards from Indianapolis; Pineneedle baskets from California; Song cards, "The Jolly Pioneers" with a picture of Sister Fisher sent by Sister Lydia Williams of Niagara Falls, New York; Pictures of Salt Lake with small bags of salt, small oxen with yokes, a profusion of lead pencils and many other interesting souvenirs.

The Chaplain led in prayer and the Patriotic Instructor lead in Pledge to the Flag and the President, Margaret Fisher introduced her Officers, First Vice President Emma Florence Hayward, Second Vice President Lillie Wall, Detroit, Michigan; Historian Margaret B. Franz, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Chaplain Nannie R. Sharritt, Dayton, Ohio; Secretary and Treasurer Mary F. Barclay, Uniontown, Pa.; Patriotic Instructor Alice King Sperbeck, San Diego, California.

Sister Fisher was happy to have present, Past National President Sarah J. Ehrmann (Organizer of the Pioneer Club also Past National President Clara N. Sawyer, the First President of the Club and the oldest member present of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; having been a member for about 47 years and for this was presented a gift by Sister Fisher, a cowboy hat made of Utah copper to be used as a breast pin.)

Honor guest was Ethelyn P. Smith, National President and special guest, Bessie Hart, representing the Department of Indiana. All were introduced and made short remarks.

A very enjoyable feature was the quartet of young men from Salt Lake who entertained with pioneer songs and were cordially thanked by Sister Fisher.

Business meeting followed.

Roll call and minutes of last meeting read by Secretary Barclay.

The Historian, Margaret B. Franz gave interesting history of the organization.

President Fisher presented gifts to her officers and she in return was presented with a beautiful real lace handkerchief by

Sister Mamie Giroux of Illinois, former President, and a lovely basket woven by Patriotic Instructor Alice King Sperbeck of California.

Election of Officers followed.

THE GET TOGETHER MEETING

The Get Together meeting was sponsored by A. D. Streight Circle No. 16 of Indianapolis. Lelia Totten, Indiana Department Patriotic Instructor presided. A fine musical program was given by "the Harmony Club" and the "Keep-em Smiling Band." A number of Service and American Legion men took part in the program.

It is to be regretted that so many missed this outstanding event but this was the night of the Camp Fire and after that the Advisory Council meeting for the Past National Presidents and Officers for they must take care of the decisions sometimes even to the wee small hours. They were sorry to miss this splendid occasion.

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S BANQUET

Each year the Past National Presidents throw all cares aside for an evening together to have a "real fun fest". This year with Josephine Mahar, President, and Margaret Grandle, Sec'y.-Treas., a delicious dinner was arranged in Parlor E, Hotel Lincoln, Thursday evening. Twelve of the fourteen Past National Presidents who attended the Convention were present, Clara N. Sawyer, Lillian Clark Cary, Lida E. Manson, Cassea H. Orsborn, Cora Rowling, Margaret Grandle, Josephine Mahar, Sarah J. Ehrmann, Pearl Cooke, Frances M. Kuhns, Orpha M. Whitaker, and Edwina P. Trigg.

There was a note of sadness in the gathering when thought turned to those who, because of illness could not be present.

Letters were read from Frances M. Haskell telling of her disappointment, on account of the illness of her only brother, but she was sending some raspberry jam, quince and loganberry jelly and strawberry jam for the dinner. The letter from Helen M. Lehmann who could not come on account of the illness of her husband, brought back the splendid time last year when she was present. Carrie V. Sherriff and Eva J. French could not make the trip from California. Nellie K. Stammel, while in the Hotel was not able to be present. National President Ethelyn P. Smith was a guest and next year will be initiated into the ranks of Past Presidents.

Officers for the coming year are: Sarah J. Ehrmann, President; Edwina P. Trigg, Sec'y.-Treasurer.

Roll Call of National Convention

NATIONAL OFFICERS—1941-42

*Absent

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*Laura McNeir Loud, 1885-87—N. J. ..... Died 1934, California
*Laura B. Sawyer, 1888—Maine ..... Died 1889, Pennsylvania
*Frances N. Wood, 1889—Kansas ..... Died 1913, Kansas

*Catherine E. Hirst, 1890-1895-96—Kentucky .....Died 1902, Ken.
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*Nettie E. Gunlock, 1894—Illinois .....Died 1902, Illinois
*Flora M. Davey, 1897—Minnesota .....Died 1915, Minnesota
*Agnes J. Winslow, 1898—Illinois .....Died 1911, Illinois
*Julia P. Shade, 1899—Pennsylvania .....Died 1912, Pennsylvania
*Etta Lee Toby, 1900—Indiana .....Died 1923, Indiana
*Emma S. Wall, 1901—Kansas .....Died 1927, Kansas
*M. Anna Hall, 1902—West Virginia .....Died 1928, West Virginia
*Belinda S. Bailey, 1903—California.....Died 1923, California
*Mary T. Hager, 1904—Illinois.....Died 1923, Illinois
*Ruth E. Foote, 1905—Colorado.....Died 1925, California
*Emma B. Dalton, 1906—Kansas.....Died 1938, Indiana
Clara N. Sawyer, 1907—Maine, 2182 Julian Ave., San Diego, Calif.
*Genevieve Hager Lucy, 1908—Illinois.....Died 1929, Illinois
*Della R. Henry, 1909—Kansas.....Died 1928, Kansas
*Emma E. Pierce, 1910—Massachusetts....Died 1913, Massachusetts
*Catherine Ross, 1911—Illinois.....Died 1933, California
*Ella S. Jones, 1912—Pennsylvania.....Died 1928, Pennsylvania
*Edith B. Brown, 1913—California.....Died 1926, California
*Mary A. Jameson, 1914—Michigan.....Died 1924, Michigan
*Catherine DeLacy Roche, 1915—Pennsylvania....Died 1940, Penna.
*Virginia C. McClure, 1916—Illinois.....Died 1926, Illinois
*Mary E. Tarbox, 1917—Maine.....Died 1928, Maine
*Rose Houghton, 1918—Washington.....Died 1928, Washington
Lillian Clark Cary, 1919—Iowa, ...1005 Locust St. Dubuque, Iowa
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†Eva J. French, 1922—California
573 Larkin Street, Monterey, California
*Martha J. Van Duzor, 1923—Illinois.....Died 1941, Illinois
*Nellie Rhodes McMillian, 1924—Kansas.....Died 1927, Kansas
Lida E. Manson, 1925—Indiana
406 W. Market St., Crawfordsville, Ind.
†Emily J. Tompkins, 1926—New York, 570 W. 156th St., New York
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3715 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind.
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*Anna D. Learned, 1901 ..... Kansas
*Ruth Hall Tucker, 1902 ..... West Virginia
*Abbie E. Krebs Wilkins, 1903-4 ..... California
*Genevieve H. Lucy, 1904-1914-1920 ..... Illinois
*Catherine Ross, 1905 ..... Illinois
*Julia M. Gordon, 1906 ..... Kansas
†Florence M. Wallace, 1907 ..... 31 Elm St., Waterville, Maine
†Mary Hager Byrnes, 1908 ..... Riverview Park, Des Moines, Iowa
*Nellie R. McMillan, 1909 ..... Kansas
*Martha F. Gilmore, 1910 ..... Massachusetts
*Marybel Ross, 1911-1923 ..... Illinois
†Eva J. French, 1913 ..... 573 Larkin Street, Monterey, California
*Anna DeLacy Peel, 1915 ..... Pennsylvania
*Helen M. Wilson, 1916 ..... Illinois
†Mertie Aldrich Perkins, 1917 ..... 5029 Halldale Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
*Lela Thatcher, 1918 ..... Washington
*Grace Seebers, 1919 ..... Iowa
†Maybelle S. Nissen, 1921 ..... 23 Sunshine Road, Upper Darby, Pa.
*Edith B. Brown, 1922 ..... California
†Myrta M. Talmadge, 1924 ..... 720 Garfield Ave., Kansas City, Kansas
*Elma B. Dalton, 1925 ..... Indiana
Sarah J. Ehrmann, 1926 ..... Lake View, New York (May to Nov.)
Cassadago, Florida (Nov. to May)
*Ida Mae Siebert, 1927 ..... Illinois
*Laura Thompson, 1928 ..... Washington
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*Anna Bennett, 1930 ..... Kansas
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*Jennie Sample, 1893 ..... Pennsylvania
*Florence George, 1895-96 ..... Washington, D. C.
*Etta Lee Toby, 1897-98-1923 ..... Indiana
*Anna Sage, 1899-1900 ..... Ohio
*Anna M. Michener, 1901-02 ..... Pennsylvania
*Ella S. Jones, 1905-06 ..... Pennsylvania
*Catherine Ross, 1907-08 ..... Illinois
*Catherine DeLacy Roche, 1909-11 ..... Pennsylvania

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†Olive I. Williams, 1915-17....620 No. 76th St., East St. Louis, Mo.
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2713 Greenleaf St., College Hgts., Allentown, Pa.
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*Grace Seebers, 1923-24-25 .....Iowa
†Nodie Efferding (Unexpired term 1925)
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*Cora Dunning, 1926 .....Missouri
†Helen M. Lehman, 1927-28-29-30
319 Union Street, Jersey City, N. J.
*Wynne G. Williamson, 1930-33 .....West Virginia
†Maybelle S. Nissen, 1933-36....23 Sunshine Road, Upper Darby, Pa.
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†Absent

NEW JERSEY
(Organized 1881)

Department President—Jennie Richards
†Department Senior Vice President—May Jelly

Delegates
Kathryn Fink
Edna Taylor
Jennie Goudoff

Past Dept. Presidents
Orpha M. Whitaker, P N P
Arada Doughty
(Six Delegates)

PENNSYLVANIA
(Organized 1884)

Department President—Marie L. Harkins
†Senior Vice President—Martha Chappell

Delegates
Ruth Hawk
Grace Henninger
Ida Houseman
Carrie Clement
Lillie Hutchinson

Alternates
Elfrieda Hill
Anna Welsh
Anna Houseman

Past. Dept. Presidents
Sara C. Johnson
Mary F. Barclay
(Sixteen Delegates)

Ila Mae Armstrong
Marion Nicholas
Frances M. Kuhns, P N P
Anna E. Good
May B. Slattery, P N S

CALIFORNIA & NEVADA

(Organized 1885)

Department President—Mabel E. Taylor
Department Senior Vice President—Della S. Madill

Delegates
Clara A. Rossiter
Mabel Moody
Permelia Daugherty
Monterey Stewart
Alice W. Sperbeck
Jessie Szalinski

Della Madill
Lillie Eagle

Past Dept. Presidents
Clara N. Sawyer, P N P
Catherine G. Shroeder
(Eleven Delegates)

ILLINOIS
(Organized 1885)

Department President—Clema Kaufmann
†Department Senior Vice President—Edna Woods

Delegates
Elizabeth Phillips
Marie Hodge
Eva Kerste
Lydia McCray
Helen Bever
Josie Fry
Eva Welker
Ruth Sheppard
Muriel Libby
Erma Schaeffer
Josie Kracht
Cora Duke
Nellie Knauff
Effie Mae Varbel

Alternates
Bessie Staples

Madeline Novak

Past. Dept. Presidents
Ida E. Wright
Mamie Giroux
Wilma Raman
Elizabeth Coons
Mame Hoellen
Pearl C. Cooke, P N P

(Twenty-three Delegates)

KANSAS
(Organized 1887)

Department President—Pauline Naylor
†Department Senior Vice President—Jennie H. Gunn

Delegates
Lizzie Opdycke
Eva Hupman
Grace Wanner
Eva W. Smith
Edna Arnold
Nina Hoyt
Daisy McMillen
Sarah Heacock, ALT.

Past Dept. Presidents
Eunice Rash
Frances Rohrbach
Lucy Haines

Frances Slawson
Margaret Grandle, P N P
Christine Miller
Grace Pagett

(Sixteen Delegates)

IOWA
(Organized 1890)

Department President—Rosetta Searcy
†Department Senior Vice President—Alma Crockett

Delegate
Ida H. Warfield

Past Dept. President
Lillian Clark Cary, P N P

(Three Delegates)

OHIO
(Organized 1890)

Department President—Myrtle Rose
†Department Senior Vice President—Grace Bentz

Delegates
Fay Gillard
Frances Myers
Edith Rouiller
Tamy Joyce
Daisy Cady
Anna M. Reany
Gladys Swallen
Lillian Milowsky
Elizabeth Thompson
Lulu B. Lyton

Past Dept. Presidents
Ella Berkemeier
Nannie R. Sharritt
Sadie Mae Williams

Alberta Carothers
Cora Rowling, P N P
Cora Riser
Clara Smith
Clara Tice

(Nineteen Delegates)

OKLAHOMA
(Organized 1891)

†Department President—Myrtle I. Fortiner
†Department Senior Vice President—Meda Hale

Delegates
Laura Anderson

Past Dept. Presidents
Bertha Hodgkinson

(Two Delegates)

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY #1

Department President—Ella Mae Alcorn
†Department Senior Vice President—Virginia Mack

Delegates	**Past Dept. Presidents**
Sarah Rounds	Florence Gaddie
Sadie Schultz	
Sallie Gray	
Bertha Simmons	

(Six Delegates)

NEBRASKA
(Organized 1892)

Department President—Grace Bell
†Department Senior Vice President—Maude Moyer

Delegates	**Past Dept. Presidents**
Mantie Sparks	Ethelyn P. Smith, N P
Emily Du Bois	Lydia Vasholz, N S
Inez A. Raber	

(Six Delegates)

MASSACHUSETTS
(Organized 1892)

Department President—Mary J. Porter
†Senior Vice President—Laura Bagley
(One Delegate)

MINNESOTA
(Organized 1893)

Department President—Lillian Eckland
†Senior Vice President—Alma Blixt

Delegates	**Past Dept. Presidents**
Ina Peters	Irene Patterson
	Mabel Schilkin
	Maud Simons
	Mary Nickerson

(Six Delegates)

NEW YORK
(Organized 1893)

Department President—Henrietta Y. Bodge
†Senior Vice President—Alice M. Frasier

Delegates		
Olivene M. Smith	Anna Place	Marie J. Buhler
Myra Montross	Helen Kraus	Sarah J. Ehrmann, P N P
Dorothea Thon	**Past Dept. Presidents**	Gladys W. Newton, N T
Etta Larned	Gertrude Walbridge	

(Eleven Delegates)

INDIANA
(Organized 1894)

Department President—Carrie Henschen
†Department Senior Vice President—Eva Johnson

Delegates		
Rhea Allen	Mary Alice Short	Bessie Hart
Marjorie Scott	Mary Shade	Amanda E. Jordan
Flossie Depew	Flora McMahon, Alt.	Florence Newlin
Nettie Kyle	Mae Hauck, Alt.	Eva Seybold
Elizabeth Sparks	**Past Dept. Presidents**	Ellen Gray
Emma Akers	Cora Leach	Frances Meyer
Belle Roberts	Julia McCorkle	Mary Keppen
Jennie King	Gertrude Fox	Lida Manson, P N P
Rose Phillips	Anna Davis	Nellie K. Stammel, P N P

(Twenty-seven Delegates)

COLORADO & WYOMING
(Organized 1894)

Department President—Mary Boetz
†Department Senior Vice President—Lena Strong

Past Dept. Presidents
Mabel Y. Coffey
(Two Delegates)

MICHIGAN
(Organized 1894)

Department President—Frances A. Dorsey
†Department Senior Vice President—Ruth Sparks

Delegates	**Past Dept. Presidents**
Ruth Lods	Lillie Wall, N R
Alice Smith	Anna Morris
Louise Manley	
Mabel Collor	

(Seven Delegates)

WISCONSIN

Department President—Frances Olson
†Department Senior Vice President—Violet Kleist

Delegates	**Past Dept. Presidents**
Hazel Harvey	Irene Mangel
	Ethel Irish, P N P

(Four Delegates)

WEST VIRGINIA
(Organized 1896)

Department President—Marjorie Ochsenbein
†Department Senior Vice President—Josephine Stutler

Past Dept. Presidents	
Carrie Zinn	Hattie Martin
Ola Mayhew	Verna Scears
Ethel Rose	Ida Koontz

(Seven Delegates)

WASHINGTON & ALASKA
(Organized 1896)

Department President—Mabel Van Houten
†Department Senior Vice President—Beulah Ryder
(One Delegate)

MISSOURI
(Organized 1898)

Department President—Sadie Voglesong
†Senior Vice President—Narcissus Wevers

Delegates	**Past Dept. Presidents**	
Naomi J. Morgan	Edna Ray	Josephine Mahar, P N P
Edith Hayes	Edwina P. Trigg, P N P	

(Six Delegates)

OREGON
(Organized 1899)

†Department President—Kittye E. Dunn
†Department Senior Vice President—Luella Ross

Delegate
Cordelia Ehman
(One Delegate)

MAINE
(Organized 1905)

†Department President—Florence Staples
(No Delegates

RHODE ISLAND
(Organized 1905)

Department President—Florence McCabe
†Department Senior Vice President—Alice Crossley
Delegate—Phoebe Stevenson
Past Department President—Theo Redfern
(Three Delegates)

VERMONT
(Organized 1907)

†Department President .....Mildred Bostwick
(No Delegates)

MONTANA
(Organized 1909)

Department President—Bessie Dennis
†Senior Vice President—Mary Belle Cummings
(One Delegate)

IDAHO
(Organized 1909)

Department President—Edith Koenig
†Department Senior Vice President—Grace Noland

Delegates	**Past Dept. Presidents**
Pearl Riley	Nana Shields
Lenora Riley	Cassea Hopper Orsborne, P N P

(Five Delegates)

FLORIDA
(Organized 1910)

†Department President—Gertrude Balcom
†Senior Vice President—Maria Salmon
Past Department President—Daisy Kruse
(One Delegate)

UTAH
(Organized 1910)

Department President—Nellie C. Holmes
Senior Vice President—Emma Bosley

Delegate	**Past Dept. Presidents**
Emma Bosley	Mary Hubbard Schnell
	Margaret M. Fisher

(Four Delegates)

NEW HAMPSHIRE
(Organized 1914)

†Department President—Rose Lang
†Department Senior Vice President—Mary Gay
(No Delegates)

DEPARTMENT OF POTOMAC
(Organized 1934)

†Department President—Mary Fortier
Senior Vice President—Vera Redfern

Delegates	**Past Presidents**
Olive Van Wagoner	Lucille Tamm
Lavina Wolforth	Margaret Worrell
Estella Mead	Emma Hayward

(Seven Delegates)

KENTUCKY NO. 2
(Organized 1939)

†Department President—Lacy Eppiheimer
Senior Vice President—Della Scott

Delegates	**Past Dept. Presidents**
Anna Stewart	Bessie Moore
Sally Rogers	Mary Williams
Bertha Bentley	

(Six Delegates)

CIRCLES UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION

CHARLES SUMNER NO. 2—Wilmington, Delaware
President—Eliza Colbert Sec'y.—Ada J. Anderson
Treas.—Sarah Turner
(No Delegate)

GENERAL D. S. STANLEY NO. 3—San Antonio, Texas
President—Lola Melsman Sec'y.—Eula Flanagan
Treas.—Stella Loomis
(No Delegate)

NANCY HANKS CIRCLE—Florida

Delegate
Marion Crocker
(One Delegate)

PROCEEDINGS

of the

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

of the

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Monday Morning, September 14, 1942

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was opened Monday morning in the beautiful Travertine Room of Hotel Lincoln, in the City of Indianapolis. Against the back wall of the stage was a very large and beautiful Flag of our Country. The beautiful white and gold banner of our National Organization stood at the left in company with several large silk flags of the United States of America. The Presidents Station was banked with flowers and beautiful baskets of flowers and palms and a lovely white fence and gate banked the edge of the platform.

The National Chairman of Arrangements and Past Department President of the Department of Indiana, Bessie Hart called the Convention to order.

Indiana delegates, gowned in white formals each carrying white and gold chrysanthemums, formed an aisle through which Past National President Clara N. Sawyer, escorted our National President to her station.

Sister Sawyer presented Ethelyn P. Smith, National President to the Convention in well chosen words of praise for the years of service Sister Ethelyn had given our Order. National Soloist, Marie L. Harkins accompanied by National Musician, Myra Montross, gave a beautiful tribute in song.

Sister Bessie Hart, Chairman of Arrangements, gave the assembly a hearty welcome.

Little Marylyn Louise Bates was escorted to the President's station and led the members in the Pledge to the Flag.

A lovely leather travel case, a gift from the Indiana Committee of Arrangements was presented to our National President by little Sue Alice Wampler. This was gratefully acknowledged by our National President as were the two large bouquets of chrysanthemums, also a gift of the committee.

Past National Presidents, National Officers and appointees were escorted through an aisle of flags to the National President's station and introduced.

Past National Presidents, Clara N. Sawyer, Lillian Clark Cary, Ethel Irish, Lyda Manson, Cassea H. Orsborne, Cora M. Rowling, Margaret Grandle, Josephine Mahar, Pearl Cooke, Frances M. Kuhns, Orpha M. Whitaker and Edwina P. Trigg, were presented and given a hearty welcome, the members singing "Glad to see you here." Our National President expressed her sincere regret for those unable to be present and wished a speedy reocvery for those who were ill.

Sister Grace Bell, Department President of Nebraska presented our National President with a gift of love from her own Department; she also presented a gift to National Secretary Lydia Vasholz from Nebraska. Sister Vasholz then presented a gift from Garfield Circle No. 11, Omaha to our National President, saying how very proud her Circle was of their Sister Ethelyn

Sister Mabel Van Houton of Retsil, Washington presented our National President with a gift with best wishes from the Washington and Alaska Department. A gift made especially for her.

Sister Catherine Schroeder, of California presented the National President three large scrap books containing pictures and clippings from the various departments of our Organization. These books represented many hours of work on the part of Sister Schroeder and she thanked Sister Clara Rossiter for her help in compiling the same. Our National President most graciously thanked Sister Schroeder and accepted this beautiful gift which would bring back the many happy hours spent with our Sisters all over this United States.

The United States Marine Band was escorted in and favored us with the rousing march "Under the Starry Banner".

Our National Patriotic Instructor, Marie J. Buhler with Flag escort presented Past Commander in Chief Robert M. Rownd and Past Department Commander Stritch to our National President, who in turn presented them to the assembly and they were warmly welcomed and given seats of honor.

Sister Bessie Hart escorted Mr. B. C. Moore, Manager of the United States Veterans Hospital to the President's station, where he was introduced. Sister Marie J. Buhler, on behalf of the National Organization presented Mr. Moore with a very beautiful flag of the United States of America for their Auditorium. This Flag was presented as a Memorial of our visit in the City of Indianapolis. It has been our custom to leave a memorial in the Convention City and it has usually been a bronze plaque, but on account of the war, our government had asked that we not use the much needed metals, we decided on the Flag as our Memorial. We had hoped to have a service at the Hospital where the men in the Hospital might enjoy the presentation but again we were reminded that we were in War and as we could not charter buses to take our delegation to the hospital we asked Mr. Moore to come to us. Sister Lelia Totten, on behalf of the Indiana Committee presented Mr. Moore with the Indiana State Banner. Both were received with heartfelt thanks by Mr. Moore.

The United States Marine Band Orchestra played "Anchors Away" as Mr. Moore and escorts retired.

Sisters Hattie Martin and Ola Mayhew, on behalf of the Department of West Virginia, presented to the National Organization a beautiful large flag in memory of their Wynnye G. Williamson, Past National President and Editor of the Bugle Call.

This was accepted with sincere thanks by our National President and she gave a beautiful tribute to our beloved Wynnye and said "that as we meet in Convention with this Flag by our side we could not help but feel our departed Sisters spirit with us guiding us in the work she loved so well and to which she gave of her strength to the very last moment.

Past Commander in Chief Rownd then addressed the Convention and expressed his pleasure in coming to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and said it was an inspiring sight to see so many loyal women working to promote patriotism in these days of trial.

Past Department Commander Stritch, who acknowledged 97 summers, loudly proclaimed his admiration for our Order, for all it stood for; congratulated us for our patriotic work and declared that we, to him, had proved our equality with the men. He complimented Sister Marie Buhler for her untiring work in New York State and left us his blessing and the earnest hope that we would "carry on". Our National President extended her thanks for their presence and wished for them all happiness while in Indianapolis.

The Conductors retired and ushered in Sister Marie Buhler, accompanied by Mr. Paul Walk, Manager of the Lincoln Hotel, to whom a beautiful flag was presented. Sister Lillian Clark Cary gave a very instructive talk with her usual eloquence. She asked us not to look on the dark side in these days of trial but to remember "Our flag had never gone down in any war and will not go down in this war."

The United States Marine Band again favored us with a selection after which we adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Monday Afternoon Session

A beautiful Memorial Service was held in the Travertine Room —Hotel Lincoln at 2:00 P. M. This was conducted by National Chaplain Arada Doughty, assisted by Department Presidents and Past National Presidents.

The Ritualistic work was exemplified by the T. W. Bennett Circle #25 of Indianapolis. The Initiatory work was very impressive, 11 new candidates being admitted to our Order.

National Senior Vice President Eunice Rash gave the obligation to a new Sister from Alton, Illinois.

Sister Rash spoke of the illness of National Counselor Nellie Stammell and offered a prayer for her speedy recovery.

Meeting adjourned until 9:00 A. M. Tuesday.

Tuesday Morning Session, September 15, 1942

The Tuesday morning session was called to order by the National President, Ethelyn P. Smith.

Doors were secured and the Pass Word taken.

Scripture lesson was read by the National Chaplain, Arada Doughty and the Lord's Prayer was recited in unison.

A beautiful Solo was rendered by the National Soloist Marie L. Harkins.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by National Patriotic Instructor Marie Buhler, and by her request was given to the Flag presented to the National Organization, in memory of Past National President Wynnye G. Williamson.

National President, Ethelyn P. Smith extended a hearty welcome to the delegation and declared the Convention open for business.

The following National Officers responded to Roll Call:

National President, Ethelyn P. Smith; Senior Vice President, Eunice Rash; Secretary, Lydia Vasholz; Treasurer, Gladys W. Newton; Chaplain, Arada Doughty; Patriotic Instructor, Marie J. Buhler; Registrar, Lillie Wall; Historian, Margaret Grandle; Council of Administration, Bessie Hart, Ida Wright, Mary I. Nickerson; Editor of Bugle Call, Edwina P. Trigg; Assistant Editor, Edna Ray; Assistant Press Correspondent, Catherine Schroeder; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Barclay; Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Emily Du Bois; Assistant Secretary, Irene Patterson; Musician, Myra Montross; Soloist, Marie L. Harkins.

The National President appointed Assistant Press Correspondent Catherine Schroeder as Press Correspondent to fill the vacancy of Sister Bertha Hunt, who was unable to attend.

The Past National Presidents present were Clara N. Sawyer, Cassea H. Orsborn, Cora M. Rowling, Josephine Mahar, Pearl C. Cooke, Frances M. Kuhns, Orpha M. Whitaker, Sarah J. Ehrman, Lillian Clark Cary and Edwina P. Trigg.

The National President expressed regret at the absence of Past National Presidents Carrie Sherriff and Eva J. French who were unable to make the long trip from California, and of Frances Haskell who was unable to leave home on account of the serious illness of her brother, also the absence of our Junior Vice President, Helen Snoot and Press Correspondent Bertha Hunt, and she asked that greetings from the Convention be sent these Sisters.

The following appointments were read:

Assistant Secretary ..... Irene Patterson
Musician ..... Myra Montross
Soloist ..... Marie L. Harkins
Chief Page ..... Emily Du Bois
Assistant Page ..... Frances Dorsey

Conductors

Tuesday ..... Bertha Hodgkinson
Laura Anderson, Assistant
Wednesday ..... Olivene Smith
Sadie Mae Williams
Thursday ..... Theo Redfern
Ruth Sheppard

Guards

Tuesday ..... Rosette Searcy
Mary Keppen
Wednesday ..... Dorothea Thon
Edith Hayes
Mary Barclay

PRESS & TELEGRAMS ..... Catherine Schroeder

COMMITTEES

Credential Committee

Lydia Vasholz, National Secretary
Sadie Vogelsong
Gertrude Fox
Etta Ommen
Clara Smith

Registration Committee

Gladys W. Newton, Nat. Treasurer
Bertha Hodgkinson
Theo Redfern
Pearl Nihranz
Maude Simmons
Ila Mae Armstrong

Committee on National Presidents Report

Cora Rowling Frances M. Kuhns Lillian Clark Cary

Committee on Secretary & Treasurers Report

Pearl Cooke Sarah Ehrman Josephine Mahar

Committee on Editor Bugle Call Report

Orpha M. Whitaker Margaret Grandle Lillian Clark Cary

Committee on All Other Reports

Ethel Irish Clara N. Sawyer Lida Manson

Committee on Membership Prizes

Pearl Cooke Lydia Vasholz May Slattery

Resolution Committee

Clara N. Sawyer Rosetta Searcy Edith Koenig

Greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic

Orpha Whitaker Grace Bell Ila Mae Armstrong

Greetings to Woman's Relief Corps

Edwina P. Trigg Nannie Sharritt Cora Rowling

Greetings to Daughters of Union Veterans

Lillian Clark Cary Mame Hoellen Daisy Kruse

Greetings to Sons of Veterans

Margaret Grandle Clara Sawyer Mary Williams
Mary Keppen

Greetings to Sons of Veterans Auxiliary

Cassea H. Orsborn Olivene Smith Catherine Schroeder

Courtesy Committee

ALL PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

The Order of business was read by the National Secretary, Lydia Vasholz. Motion made by Sister Marie Buhler, seconded by Sister Carrie Zinn same be accepted. Carried.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening
2. Roll Call of Officers
3. Report of Credential Committee
4. Report of Council of Administration
5. Report of National President
6. Report of National Officers
7. Report of Committees
8. Roll Call and Seating of Delegates
9. Minutes of Advisory Council meeting
10. New Business
11. Nomination and Election of Officers
12. Installation of Officers
13. Adjournment

Report of Credential Committee was called for; more time was asked to complete same. 176 had registered to date.

Report of Council of Administration was called for. Chairman Bessie Hart otherwise engaged, same to be read later.

National Senior Vice President assumed the President's station and the National President read the report of her years' activities.

The National Presidents Report was received with great applause and it was moved by Sister Sarah J. Ehrmann and seconded by Edwina P. Trigg that the report be accepted and turned over to the Committee on National Presidents Report and that she be given a rising vote of thanks for her wonderful report.

A beautiful tribute in song was given by our Soloist Sister Marie Harkins.

Sister Emily Du Bois approached the President's station and presented her with a gorgeous basket of flowers, a gift from the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, of which our National President is

a Charter Member, with wishes for a happy and harmonious Convention.

Past National President, Frances M. Kuhns, had the honor and pleasure of presenting the Past Presidents Jewel to Sister Smith. She told of their years of friendship and how she had looked forward to this day, at the same time expressing the appreciation of the National body for the faithful performance of her duties and voiced the hope of us all, that she would live many years to enjoy wearing it.

The National President assured Sister Kuhns that she would always cherish her Jewel and proudly wear it as long as she lived and to keep it shining by ever working for the Order.

The National President announced the Delegates luncheon to be held in the Convention room at 12:30 P. M.

Motion by Sister Marie Buhler and seconded by several, that we adjourn until 1:30 P. M. Carried.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by the National President.

A Greetings Committee from The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was announced. They were admitted and introduced.

Mrs. Eva Blackman, Past National President, Illinois; Mrs. Alta Kretzer, Dept. President, Maryland; Mrs. Pauline Cram, Past Department President, Nebraska; Mrs. Myrtle Eggiman, Dept. President of Oregon.

Each in turn, extended greetings from their National Body and paid high compliments to our National President.

Sister Marie Buhler responded graciously.

A Greetings committee from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was announced. Dr. Craig, Past Commander in Chief; Harvey A. Flock, Department Commander of Illinois; B. Howard Cooper, Past Department Commander of Maryland; and Elmer Cram, Department Commander of Nebraska were introduced and saluted.

Dr. Craig impressed upon us that we must maintain our faith in a just and loving Creator, and that we must believe in an ultimate and complete victory for our State and Democracy and to carry on through the years as we have been doing in the past.

Commander Elmer Cram, of Nebraska, complimented us on our choice of President and spoke highly of her and of the National Secretary, Lydia Vasholz, saying that they had always been ready to help him whenever called upon and he deemed it a great honor to bring greetings to our Convention and to one who had brought honor to his State.

Sister Cassea Orsborn responded in her usual gracious manner and admonished all to stand "shoulder to shoulder for ultimate victory".

These visitors were escorted out with the Convention singing "Glad to see you here".

A greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War were presented and given a hearty welcome: Mrs. Harriett J. Goetz, Past National President of New York; Doris B. Merryman, Past National President of Ohio; Estelle H. Underhill, Past National President of New York and Myrtle Alexander, Past Dept. President of the State of Washington extended greetings. Sister Goetz presented our National President with a gift with love

and best wishes for a splendid Convention. Sister Lillian Clark Cary responded to the greetings and they retired to the singing of "We're sorry your going away".

Sister Ehrmann announced that our National President had mottoes made by American Legion Boys, that were suitable for Department Presidents to present to their Officers or for delegates to take home as souvenirs and that they were available for twenty-five cents each.

The National President announced that those desiring to attend the Mothers' and Fathers' Banquet make reservations with Sister Frances M. Kuhns immediately.

Report of the National Senior Vice President, Eunice Rash was read. Motion by Sister Mamie Giroux, seconded by Sister Catherine Schroeder, that this fine report be accepted and turned over to the Committee on National Officers Reports and that all other reports follow the same course. Carried.

Report of the National Treasurer. Sister Newton asked the assembly if they wished all figures read. After discussion it was agreed that all but warrants in detail, be read.

At this time it was announced that a greetings committee from the Grand Army of the Republic was in waiting. Conductors with Sisters Sarah J. Ehrmann, Lillian Cary, and Josephine Mahar retired and our Commander in Chief George A. Gay, his wife, our own Mary, J. S. Dumser, National Junior Vice Commander of California, Past Commander in Chief A. T. Anderson and son, Dr. Anderson, Past Commander in Chief William W. Nixon and daughter, Miss Erma Nixon were escorted to the President's station and given a hearty welcome. Our National President had the honor of introducing her Commander in Chief. He gave a very inspiring talk, complimented the Ladies for having kept their pledge to help the "Boys in Blue" and said that the Grand Army of the Republic would not be what it is today but for the help of the allied orders. "The boys have travelled an uphill road since 1861, some have reached the summit, others have gone to their eternal rest, many remain with us, but one and all they live and walk beside us".

Past Commander Nixon said he was always glad to be with the Ladies and heartily endorsed Commander Gay's remarks.

Past Commander Anderson informed us that the first Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in Indianapolis and that this was the sixth time we had convened in this City. National Junior Vice Commander Dumser thanked the Ladies for their loyalty and his message to us was to "Carry on", not let our faith be shaken and with our help these United States will always remain the leading nation of the world.

The National President asked our soloist to respond and Sister Harkins sang "I love you truly" to our Boys.

To the strains of "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp the Boys are Marching", these grand gentlemen were retired and we all felt honored by their presence.

Sister Bessie Hart announced the breakfast for the National President and her Staff would be held in the Lincoln Room at 7:30 Wednesday morning.

Sister Monterey Stewart, of California was presented and spoke of the bugle drum which had belonged to her father, Major Wm. H. Mershon. The Drum was presented to Major Mershon by his Indiana Regiment, where he was known as "The Drummer Boy of Shiloh". She also had a recording of a drum solo made by her father. Sister Stewart then presented the Drum and bugle to Mr. Colby of the Indiana State Historical Museum where they will be

on display and taken care of. When our Memorial Shrine is completed they are to be turned over to the Shrine.

Mr. Colby expressed thanks in behalf of the State of Indiana for this exhibit.

Boy Scout Troop 113 was escorted in and Patriotic Instructor Marie J. Buhler presented them with a large flag and delivered a very instructive and inspiring message to them. The acceptance was made by one of the Scouts.

Girl Scouts of Troop 141 were presented and they were given a beautiful flag. This was accepted with thanks by Lela Bennett and they marched out with the flags carried proudly to the tune of "Three cheers for the Red White and Blue".

These flags were presented to the National Organization by our National Betsy Ross Club.

The Treasurer resumed the reading of her report.

This fine report was accepted and turned over to the Committee on Reports.

It was announced that Mrs. Clementine Vanastal, State President of the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary and Ella Almond, State President Federated Patriotic Societies of Indiana were in waiting. They were presented and extended greetings and gifts to our National President. Sister Marie Harkins sang "Just an old-fashioned garden", to them. Sister Ehrmann advised the members that our National President had been elected National President of the Federated Patriotic Societies.

The Visitors retired with the members singing "Glad to see you here".

Sisters Bertha Hodgkinson and Laura Anderson, Conductors for the day should be complimented for their work.

Motion by Sister Marie Buhler that we adjourn until 9 A. M Carried.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was called to order by the National President at 9:30 A. M.

Conductors for the day were Sister Olivene Smith of New York and Sister Sadie Mae Williams, Ohio.

Pass word taken. Prayer by Past National President Clara Sawyer.

Pledge to the Flag led by Sister Nellie Wall.

Sister Clara Sawyer gave a fine report of the National Memorial Shrine Commission. Motion by Sister Eunice Rash, seconded by Sister Cassea Orsborn this splendid report be accepted and filed, Carried.

At this time Sister Catherine Schroeder, Acting National Press Correspondent, presented our National President with a testimonial from the members of the Order together with her personal gift, a lovely yellow hand wrought teapot. This was just a tribute to her for her untiring efforts to further our work and it was received with profuse thanks. Sister Smith thanked the members for their cooperation and the loyalty extended her during the year.

As the Grand Army Parade was scheduled for ten o'clock, the National President distributed grandstand tickets to Department Presidents.

Motion to adjourn by Mary Nickerson, to reconvene at 1:30 P. M. Carried.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by the National President.

Pass word taken by Conductors Olivene Smith, Sadie Williams, assisted by Pages Emily Du Bois, Frances Dorsey and Daisy Kruse. Prayer by Chaplain; Pledge to Flag by Patriotic Instructor. The following Committees on greetings were sent out by the National President:

Greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic, Orpha Whittaker, Grace Bell, Ila Mae Armstrong;

Women's Relief Corp, Edwina P. Trigg, Nannie Sharritt;

Daughters of Union Veterans, Lillian Clark Cary, Mame Hoellen and Daisy Kruse;

Sons of Union Veterans, Sarah Ehrmann, Mary Keppen, Mary Williams and Catherine Schroeder.

A fine report was read by the Chaplain, showing that much work had been done by her.

A greetings committee from the Women's Relief Corp was announced, admitted and introduced.

Sister Ehrmann introduced Mrs. Clara Berry, Dept. Treasurer of Vermont.

Sister Mahar introduced Mrs. Lillian Dixon, Past Department President of Maryland.

Sister Pearl Cook introduced Mrs. Katherine McLaughlin, Dept. President of Pennsylvania. Greetings were extended by the committee and after a most appropriate response by Sister Frances Kuhns, our soloist and members sang "The more we get together".

Minutes of the Monday and Tuesday sessions were read and accepted.

Report of National Secretary Lydia Vasholz was read. Motion by Sister Catherine Schroeder and seconded by Sister Mary Nickerson, that this fine report be accepted and turned over to the committee on reports and all other reports follow the same course.

A splendid report by the National Patriotic Instructor, Marie Buhler was read.

Sister Lillie Walls, National Registrar, read a fine report and thanked Sister Theo Redfern for her able assistance.

Sister Gertrude Walbridge gave a fine report of the Ways and Means Committee and the National President thanked her for her splendid work.

Lillian Clark Cary, National Junior Supervisor, gave an exceptional report of the progress being made by our Junior Circles and told of receiving a gift from the Minnesota Junior Circle No. 1, of Minneapolis.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mary F. Barclay was read and accepted.

The National President spoke of the assistance rendered her by the Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Emily Du Bois and thanked her for all she had done for her.

Sister Clara Sawyer reported that the completion of plans for placing the Arlington Memorial, while not exactly settled much had been accomplished toward a satisfactory end.

Past National President Orpha Whitaker reported that she and her committee received a fine ovation from the Grand Army of the Republic when they presented greetings from our Order.

Past National Presidents Cassea Orsborn, Lillian Clark Cary, Edwina P. Trigg, and Sarah J. Ehrmann all reported that they and their committees had been graciously received.

The National Secretary read the report of the Credential Committee, 28 Departments and 209 delegates reporting. Roll Call and seating of delegates. Roll Call showed we had 200 voting delegates.

Sister Margaret Grandle was appointed Judge of Tellers.

Nominations for National President:

Past National President Sarah Ehrmann nominated Gladys Newton, of New York. Sister Pauline Naylor of Kansas nominated Eunice Rash. Sister Vera Redfern nominated Margaret Worrell of Washington. Sister Mabel Schilken nominated Ethelyn P. Smith, who graciously declined. Candidates were introduced and Sister Worrell withdrew. Tellers were appointed by candidates as follows: Sister Newton appointed Sister Ehrman and Sister Rash appointed Sister Naylor. Ballots were spread and vote cast. Judge reported election as follows:

Sister Gladys Newton received—99 votes;

Sister Eunice Rash—97 votes;

Sister Ethelyn Smith—1 vote;

Sister Coffey—1 vote; 2 blanks.

Sister Newton was declared elected National President.

Sister Bessie Hart announced a "Get to Gether" meeting at 9:30 P. M., in the Hotel and asked all to attend.

Meeting was adjourned until Thursday 9:00 A. M.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was called to order by the National President.

Guards, Sister Edith Hays and Mary Barclay. Pass word taken by Conductors Theo Redfern and Louise Shepard, assisted by Sisters Emily Du Bois and Frances Dorsey.

Chaplain read the scripture lesson and the Lord's Prayer was recited in unison. Sister Buhler led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Final Poll of Convention established 184 voting delegates present.

Nominations were in order for National Senior Vice President.

Sister Clema Kaufman of Illinois nominated Sister Ida Wright. Sister Mabel Taylor nominated Catherine Schroeder of California. Sister Mary Boetz nominated Mabel Coffey of Colorado. Ballots spread and cast. Count revealed 185 votes cast. Moved by Sister Sawyer and seconded by the three candidates that the count of 184 stand. Carried.

Judge announced the vote as follows:

Mabel Coffey—70 votes;

Ida Wright—66 votes;

Catherine Schroeder—48 votes; 1 Blank.

Sister Schroeder withdrew her name. Ballots again cast. A motion by Sister Marie Buhler and seconded by Sister Schroeder, that the ballot be sealed and counted in the afternoon session. Carried.

The National President announced that the Pioneers luncheon would be held in the Lincoln Room.

At this time the conductors retired and presented Sister Mary I. Nickerson, newly elected Patriotic Instructor of the Betsy Ross Club. The Travel Flag was placed on the Platform and the pledge given.

Meeting adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by our National President, Ethelyn P. Smith. Pass word taken; Prayer and pledge to the Flag.

Judge announced the vote on Senior Vice President as follows. 180 votes cast.
Mabel Coffey—92 votes;
Ida Wright—86 votes;
Catherine Schroeder—2 votes.

Sister Mabel Coffey was declared elected Senior Vice President.

Sister Margaret Grandle, National Historian, was called on for her report. While reading the same she was interrupted by the National President being called to the Grand Army Headquarters. Sister Eunice Rash, National Senior Vice President took the Presidents Station. Sister Grandle resumed reading her report. Owing to the necessity of going into election of officers, Sister Grandle was unable to finish reading her report and a unanimous vote was cast to have same printed in the Proceedings.

The National Senior Vice President declared nominations open for Junior Vice President.

Sister Ida Koontz of West Virginia nominated by Carrie Zinn.
Sister Bessie Hart of Indiana nominated by Carrie Henschen.
162 votes cast.
Sister Hart—135 votes;
Sister Koontz—27 votes.

Sister Bessie Hart declared elected Junior Vice President.

Nominations were in order for Treasurer.

Sister Sadie Mae Williams, Ohio, nominated. Sister Mary Barclay of Pennsylvania nominated by Marie Harkins. Sister Irene Patterson, Minnesota nominated by Lillian Eckland. Sister Wilma Raman of Illinois nominated by Pearl Cooke. Candidates introduced. Sister Raman withdrew.

162 votes cast. First ballot:
Sadie Mae Williams—64 votes;
Mary Barclay—53 votes;
Irene Patterson—42 votes;
Wilma Raman—2 votes.
No election. Sister Patterson withdrew.

Second ballot spread and cast. Result:
Mary Barclay—91 votes;
Sadie Mae Williams—66 votes; Blank—1.
Mary Barclay declared elected Treasurer.

The National President returned and assumed her station.

Nominations for Chaplain.

Sister Daisy Kruse nominated Marion Crocker, Florida.

Sister Bessie M. Moore nominated Sister Mary Williams, Kentucky No. 2.

Sister Clara Tice nominated Sister Alberta Carothers, Ohio.

Sister Nannie Sharritt was nominated but declined with thanks.

Ballots were spread and cast.

It was moved by Josephine Mahar and seconded by several that tellers Sisters Kruse, Moore and Tice be allowed to retire and count the ballot. Carried.

Sister Lillian Clark Cary nominated Ethelyn P. Smith for Counselor and a unanimous vote was cast for Sister Smith. National Senior Vice President Eunice Rash declared her elected.

Judge reported on election of Chaplain.
Mary Williams—71 votes;
Alberta Carothers—56 votes;
Marion Crocker—20 votes.
No election. Sister Crocker withdrew.
Ballots spread and cast.

Moved by Sister Olivene Smith and seconded by Sister Laura Anderson that tellers be allowed to retire for count. Carried.

Nominations for Patriotic Instructor.

Sister Marie Buhler nominated Bertha Hodgkinson of Oklahoma.

Sister Clema Kaufman nominated Sister Muriel Libby of Illinois.

Ballots spread and cast.

Moved by Sister Hodgkinson; seconded by Sister Libby that tellers be allowed to retire and count the ballot. Carried.

A visitor was announced and Sergeant Jay Pershing Franz, nephew of our Margaret B. Franz, of Pittsburgh, was escorted to the President's station and introduced and warmly welcomed. He gave a fine talk and retired to the singing of the assembly "Glad to see you here".

A final report on the vote for Chaplain gave:
Sister Williams—81 votes;
Sister Carothers—61 votes.

Sister Mary Williams of Dept. of Kentucky No. 2 was declared elected.

Sister Pearl Cooke, Judge for election of Patriotic Instructor, announced that the vote stood:
Sister Hodgkinson—113 votes;
Sister Libby—31 votes.

Sister Bertha Hodgkinson, of Oklahoma declared elected Patriotic Instructor.

At this time Sister Cassea H. Orsborn asked permission to address the Convention and asked the records be corrected relative to the Past National President's Jewel belonging to Past National President Mary Eleanor Tarbox, deceased. Sister Orsborn explained the badge she was wearing was the Mary Eleanor Tarbox badge, which had been given to her by Sister Marie Sawyer of Portland, Maine, to whom Sister Tarbox had given it before her death, with instructions to pass it on to whom ever she wished. The badge was publicly presented to Sister Orsborn by Sister Frances Haskell, but there was nothing in the presentation to indicate the badge was a personal gift from Frances Haskell to Sister Orsborn. But in Sister Margaret Grandle's report it was listed as a personal gift from Sister Haskell. Sister Orsborn explained she had made several attempts to have this matter corrected and this will fully explain and give credit to whom credit is due and a correct record of Sister Mary Eleanor Tarbox's National Jewel. It is a beautiful badge with the original engraving just as Sister Orsborn received it from Sister Marie Sawyer.

Nellie Stammel, National Counselor, was introduced and given a hearty welcome. Many sisters had visited her in her room as she is staying at the Lincoln Hotel, but unable to attend all of the sessions.

Next in order was nominations for Registrar.

Edwina P. Trigg nominated Lillie Wall, Michigan. There being no other nominations, the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Sister Wall and she was declared elected.

Nominations for Historian.

Sister Edwina Trigg nominated Margaret Grandle. There being no other nominations the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Sister Grandle and she was declared elected.

Nominations for Council of Administration.

The following sisters were nominated:

Lydia Vasholz	Nebraska
Irene Patterson	Minnesota
Arada Doughty	New Jersey
Catherine Schroeder	California
Frances Dorsey	Michigan
Theo Redfern	Rhode Island
Ida Wright	Illinois
Marie Buhler	New York
Margaret Worrell	Washington, D. C.
Cora Riser	Ohio

Sister Buhler declined.

Candidates introduced and vote cast.

The National President announced that it was necessary to vacate the banquet room by 5:30, and that the evening session would be held in the Lincoln Room. A motion was made by Sister Maude Simmons, seconded by several that tellers be allowed to count the ballots and report at the evening session. Carried.

Sister Mary Barclay approached the President's station and presented her with a gift from the Pennsylvania delegation.

Sister Clema Kaufman presented Sister Ida Wright with a gift from the Illinois delegation. Meeting adjourned until 8:00 P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Thursday evening session was called to order by the National President at 8:00 P. M.

Pass word was taken and opened in form. House polled. Voting members present, 115.

Nominations were in order for Editor of Bugle Call.

Sister Josephine Mahar nominated Edwina P. Trigg.

Sister Ethel Irish nominated Sister Cassea Orsborn.

Sister Orsborn declined.

Moved by Sister Grandle, seconded by Sister Irene Mangel, a unanimous vote be cast for Sister Trigg. Carried.

The Tellers returned and gave a report on ballots for Council of Administration.

The Judge announced the vote as follows:

Sister Redfern—70 votes;

Sister Lydia Vasholz—47 votes;

Sister Irene Patterson—43 votes.

Sister Theo Redfern to be Chairman.

Sister Lillian Clark Cary reported that she had a copy of the "Monitor" edited and published by Past National President Elma B. Dalton, in Winfield, Kansas; this will be turned over to Sister Margaret Grandle, Historian.

The Report of the Editor of the Bugle Call was called for.

Sister Trigg read a splendid report of her work. Special stress was placed on the necessity of secretaries sending in proper addresses of their members, that copies would not be returned to publisher, as every copy returned was an additional expense to the organization.

High tribute was paid Sister Trigg for her unceasing efforts to promote interest in our paper.

A wonderful gift to the National Body, by Sister Edwina Trigg, was the rebinding of Journals of National Proceedings from 1886 to 1940. Ten volumes, cloth bound, to be used as a reference by our National Presidents. Much wisdom and records of wonderful work done in the past by our officers are stored within these covers,—truly an inspiration for all to follow.

It was moved by Sister Bertha Hodgkinson of Oklahoma, seconded by many, that a rising vote of thanks be given Sister Trigg for this gift. Carried.

A rising vote of thanks was given Sister Marie J. Buhler for her gift of $30.00 (Thirty dollars) to the National Body on behalf of the Past President's association of New York.

At this time Sister Lillie Wall, Registrar elect, asked to be excused as she was unable to stay for the Installation. It was moved by Sister Henrietta Bodge, seconded by Sister Frances Kuhns that she be installed in her own Department. Carried.

Sister Dorsey presented Sister Wall with a gift from the Michigan delegates.

The minutes of the Advisory Council and Resolutions were now in order.

The National President urged all the delegates to listen carefully and to all vote on each question. She said "This is your convention and it is your right, privilege and duty to vote on each question. You are sent here by your department to act for them. Vote as you wish but vote. And cheerfully abide by the vote of the majority. The Advisory Council has spent long hours on these resolutions and it is now up to you to decide on this legislation."

Minutes of the Advisory Council were read and all resolutions and recommendations were acted upon separately.

Sister Catherine Schroeder brought greetings from Sister Carrie Sherriff; Sister Clara Sawyer from Eva J. French; Sister Orpha Whitaker from Helen M. Lehman and Sister Margaret Grandle from Frances M. Haskell. We missed these Past National President's greatly. Sister Schroeder read telegrams from various members of the Order and friends.

The National Assistant Secretary was unable to read the minutes of the Wednesday and Thursday sessions, so a motion was made by Irene Mangel and properly seconded that the minutes be read in the Joint Council meeting. Carried.

There being no more business to come before the Convention the National President announced a Joint Council meeting in National Headquarters at 10:00 A. M. Friday.

INSTALLATION

Sister Sarah Ehrmann, who had been chosen Installing Officer was escorted to the President's Station by Sister Edna Ray of Missouri. Sister Ehrmann proceeded with the installations, assisted by Sisters Marie Buhler, Frances Dorsey, Edna Ray and Etta Larned, Conductors and color bearers. All Past National Presidents as escorts, preceded Sister Edwina Trigg with the President Elect, Gladys W. Newton.

Sister Gertrude Walbridge of Rochester, New York, was appointed National Secretary.

The look of love and pride on Sister Ehrmann's face as she inducted Sister Newton into her office, will long be remembered by those present.

With the singing of "God be with you Till we Meet Again", followed by a prayer, National President Gladys W. Newton declared the Fifty-sixth National Convention adjourned to meet at the call of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted in F, C and L.,

LYDIA VASHOLZ,
National Secretary.

IRENE PATTERSON,
National Assistant Sec'y.

Report of National President

Indianapolis, Indiana, September 14, 1942

To the Officers and Members of the
Fifty-sixth National Convention
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sisters:-

One year ago at the Fifty-fifth Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Seventy-fifth and Diamond Jubilee of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the beautiful city of Columbus, Ohio, you unanimously elected me your National President, giving into my hands the welfare of this wonderful Organization.

I again thank you for the honor given me and by so doing giving to the Department of Nebraska its first National President on its Golden Jubilee.

I realized that with the honor came grave responsibilities and I resolved that I would do all in my power to build up and protect the interests of this Order.

I had many plans in mind, but with the assault on Pearl Harbor things were changed and many plans had to be discarded.

I have tried to serve you faithfully and well and my every act has been for the best good of the Order. I have tried to deal justly and fairly with all and with sisterly love in my heart, I prayed "To faithfully perform the task

Assigned to me is all I ask,
Perfection's not for mortal man;
Just let me do the best I can."

It has been a very happy year for me and though I have not been able to accomplish all that I hoped, I am thankful for the privilege of having served as your National President and trust that in some way I have helped the Organization. I had hoped for a greater increase in membership but do sincerely thank all who worked so hard to institute new Circles and increase membership in old Circles.

I am happy to report new Circles and six Junior Circles with four more nearly ready for instruction.

To Sister Lillian Clark Cary, National Junior Supervisor, I cannot find words to express my appreciation for the splendid and enthusiastic work you have given early and late. We owe to her and her Department supervisors a vote of thanks for their labors.

I wish to express my thanks to the Department Presidents' who have worked with me this year, for their splendid cooperation, gracious treatment and honor paid me at their Convention, for the banquets, flowers, receptions and gifts tendered me, but more than all for the love, loyalty and understanding shown me everywhere.

I am happy to welcome you today to the Fifty-sixth Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and hope you will have a happy time and find much of interest to take back to your Department, that will help the growth of our Order. Sister Bessie Hart and her splendid Committee have worked very hard and surmounted many difficulties to give you a splendid time. To them I give my heartfelt thanks and appreciation, for I

know how very hard they have worked for this Convention. When I was here with the Commander in Chief to make arrangements for this Convention it was thought we would have to forego many of the nice things accorded us at Conventions, but our valiant Bessie and her Indiana girls jumped in and worked like Trojans and this week we will enjoy all of the happy times of other Conventions and even some extra surprises. I know the whole Convention joins me in saying "Our thanks and gratitude Sister Bessie and all you Indiana girls for a wonderful Convention.

In the midst of our joy of reunion there is a strain of sadness, for some who were with us last year have answered the last Roll Call and we miss these dear Sisters and Comrades, but they are not forgotten and are not far away, but stand by us yet.

"There are stars that go out in the darkness
But whose silvery light shines on;
There are roses whose perfume still lingers
When the blossoms are faded and gone
There are hearts full of love and sweetness,
When no longer their life current flows
Still their goodness lives on with the living,
Like the soul of the star and the rose".

Upon hearing of my election, my office associates wired me a beautiful lavender Orchid, hoping that I would wear it at my Installation, unfortunately it arrived too late for that, but the flower and the beautiful thought made me very happy and I took it back to Omaha with me where it shed its radiance over my home for over a week.

Upon my return home from Columbus I received many congratulations and good wishes from members of all Patriotic organizations, civic organizations, business associates and dear friends.

On September, 28th was the guest of Commander Elmer Cram, of the Sons of Union Veterans, at a picnic in Fremont. This was my first official appearance and I was warmly welcomed by all. My National Secretary, Lydia Vasholz, shared honors with me.

On October 3rd my own Circle, Garfield Circle No. 11 held a lovely reception for me with representatives from all allied orders, the American Legion and Chamber of Commerce. Received many lovely gifts and beautiful flowers.

On October 7th attended a party of the U. S. Grant Circle of Lincoln; was presented with a Lincoln Historical plate and beautiful flowers.

October 24th attended Fun night of Fremont Circle, Sister Lydia's home Circle.

November 4th was guest at a dinner and Circle meeting of Ben Harrison Circle, Seward, where a lovely gift and flowers were presented. At all of these functions I had the pleasure of having my faithful Secretary with me to share and enjoy the honor that had come to our State.

November 19th was honor guest of the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, of which I am a Charter member, received beautiful folwers and many tributes of love and appreciation of the honor that had come to me and to my City.

December 12th at a Christmas Party of General Custer Circle of Lincoln was greatly honored and received a gift of a hand made quilt, flowers and many other gifts.

With Christmas came hundreds of beautiful cards and lovely gifts, and for these and all of the gracious gestures of love and kindness, my thanks to you, dear Sisters.

On January 13th I left Omaha for Washington, D. C., and the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense. On the way I stopped at Pittsburgh and was the guest of Ila Mae Armstrong, President of the Past Presidents Club. Attended their luncheon, where I was warmly received and given gifts and flowers. Had a short visit with May Slattery, Past National Secretary and spent the night with Past National President, Frances M. Kuhns, who was recovering from a severe illness, and was glad to find her improved and on the way to recovery. I was happy to see for myself that she was on the way to health again, as we had been much worried about her.

Arrived in Washington and met National Treasurer Gladys Newton in the Station, as we had been unable to obtain rooms in Hotel Mayflower, Headquarters Hotel, we registered at the Hotel Washington.

The Sessions of this Conference were presided over by the Chairman, Mrs. Charles Newell in a very efficient manner, there were 736 delegates and our Organization had 15 members in attendance. Your National President, as Fifth Vice Chairman, had the honor of introducing, Lieut. Colonel Arthur I. Ennis. United States Air Corp.

The Mass meeting on Saturday night with the massing of the Colors and the splendid program was most inspiring.

The pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where the Chairman placed a wreath for all participating organizations was something to remember always.

The sessions were very much worthwhile and the speakers came with a real message and held a very real significance coming upon the heels of the assault of Pearl Harbor.

The Banquet, on Sunday evening was a truly enjoyable affair and we had the pleasure of listening to the United States Marine Band.

The Department of the Potomac Convention was to be held the following week-end, but I could not stay in Washington that long and appointed Margaret H. Worrell, Legislative Chairman to represent me.

I left Washington for Florida where I was house guest of Past National President Sarah J. Ehrman and she and her good husband made my stay in Florida very enjoyable. They drove me to St. Augustine, Tampa, St. Cloud, Kissemme, where I called on the Presidents and Secretaries of Circles, looked over their books and talked with them about their Circles. Was sorry not to be able to visit St. Petersburg, but as I knew their Circle was active and not being able to stay longer in Florida left for home.

Upon arriving home I wrote each member of the Advisory Council telling of conditions in the Department of Florida and because from the books and information given me by the officers of the Circles could not find three live Circles I ask permission to raise the Department Charter and put St. Petersburg Circle, the only live Circle, under National Jurisdiction until they would again have three Circles in good standing. Our Rules and Regulations state that a Circle must have ten members, in good standing, they

must hold one meeting a month and there must be three such Circles to make up a Department. The majority concurred with my request but because there were some in the Council who thought differently I decided to let it rest until the National Convention when it could be taken up with the entire Body.

In the meantime a Circle of 25 women was formed and I issued a Charter to Nancy Hanks Circle under National Jurisdiction, pending action by the Convention.

Now Sisters, no National President wants to lose a Department, Circle or even a single member, and some have taken issue with me on my action, but I made my decision upon the information I had at first hand and with only the thought in mind to adhere to the ruling of the Order and for the best good of all concerned.

Having made my report on the findings it now rests with the Convention.

A few days after my return, received word that the Commander-in-Chief desired the National Presidents to meet with him in Indianapolis to make arrangements for the National Convention. Arrived in Indianapolis February 4th and was met by National Counselor Nellie Stammel and Bessie Hart, Chairman of Arrangements. They took me to the Claypool Hotel, which was headquarters for the Committee. After Committee meetings arrangements were made for our Convention. I chose Hotel Lincoln as Headquarters for the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and hope it will be satisfactory to all. A luncheon was given us by the Convention Bureau and a lovely Banquet by the Indiana Sisters.

I had the pleasure of attending a luncheon and Circle meeting of T. W. Bennett Circle No. 23 with Past National Presidents Cora Rowling, Edwina P. Trigg and Nellie Stammel. Returned home, attending to much correspondence until April when I started on my long trip.

I wish that I might tell of all of the Conventions, of the fine reports, wonderful meetings, of the Defense work already accomplished, of the Banquets and receptions, that you might travel along with me, that you might enjoy with me all of the kindness, love and loyalty shown your National President. I wish that I might tell every detail of each Convention, that I might express my appreciation to each Department individually, but as we must conserve on paper and printing in the Proceedings I will just touch upon the Conventions I attended.

Easter Sunday evening, April 5, 1942 I left for Boston, Massachusetts, where a fine Convention was presided over by Alice Harwood, Department President.

The Commander-in-Chief, with his comrades and the heads of all allied organizations were the guests of Mayor Maurice Tobin, of Boston at a lovely luncheon, where he presented the women guests with corsages and the men with smokes. We were grateful to Mayor Tobin not only for the courtesies shown us but for the understanding and deference shown the Commander-in-Chief and his comrades. I was happy to find our Past National Registrar, Theo Redfern at the Boston Convention and she traveled with me to Concord and then on to Rhode Island.

From Boston we journied to Concord, New Hampshire where the Convention was ably led by Department President Myrtie Cockran, then on to Providence, Rhode Island where I was house guest of Mary See, Past Department President, for several days

and then guest of the Department during the Convention which was conducted in a fine manner by Mildred Bridge. Her Department is to be complimented on their splendid patriotic work. Presenting 27 Flags.

Left Rhode Island for New York, where our National Patriotic Instructor took me in charge and gave me a most wonderful time during my stay.

Attended a meeting of the Past Presidents Club, of which Sitter Marie Buhler is President and enjoyed it so much. In the evening attended a meeting of Lincoln Circle No. 2. So much I would like to tell you of my visit but time will not permit.

Left New York for Charleston, West Virginia and was met by my National Treasurer, Gladys W. Newton, who took me to her castle on the Hill. Left the next morning for Louisville, Kentucky, to attend their Conventions. Was most graciously received and both Departments held interesting Conventions.

Elizabeth Cain, President of Dept. No. 2, who had gotten up from a sick bed to preside at her Convention, carried on like a good soldier and finished her Convention in a very able manner. I am sorry to report that she went to her home after the Convention closed and never left it until she answered the summons from on High, two months later. We shall miss Sister Cain but her life will be an inspiration to us.

Department No. 1 held a fine Convention, led by Department President, Mildred Puckett. I was sorry not to be able to spend more time with them but as both were holding their Convention at the same time, had to divide my time. This Department has paid all assessments in full to National and are doing splendid work.

Sister Mary Williams took me for some lovely drives over the City and told me of the fine work they are doing in the U S O work for the boys.

Returned to Charleton and was the guest of Gladys Newton and her fine husband, John Newton. We went over her reports and finances and I wrote a General Order and caught up on correspondence and rested for my journey.

From Charleston went to Kansas City and was the guest of Edwina P. Trigg, Editor of the Bugle Call, and we went over the mailing list and other business of the paper. And I learned more of the details of putting out our paper. In company with Past National Presidents Josephine Mahar and Margaret Grandle was taken by Sister Trigg to Excelsior Springs where the Missouri Convention was held, at the Elms Hotel. This was a splendid Convention and they are working hard to increase their membership, led by Department President, Bird Bennett.

From Missouri went to Ponca City, where the Oklahoma Convention was held. This convention was most interesting and ably conducted by Department President Bertha Hodgkinson. This Department is doing exceptional work in National Defense work. While there, was taken to see the monument to Pioneer Woman.

From Oklahoma traveled on to California. Arrived in Hollywood to be met by Sister Catherine Schroeder, Assistant Press Correspondent, and other sisters and received a real California welcome. Here also was my own dear sister and my nephew, whom I had not seen for eight years.

A beautiful Convention, presided over by Department President Nettie Sherred. Here I was happy to meet Past National Presidents Carrie Sherriff, Clara N. Sawyer, Eva J. French and Past National Secretary Josie Slicker. And here my sister, Mrs. Marguerite Pryor was presented to the Convention and given a seat with me on the platform. This kindly gesture made me very happy indeed. A group of former Nebraska sisters came forward and presented me a gift and flowers and sang a song for me.

From this Convention I went to my sisters home in Delano, where I saw my other nephew and my niece and brother-in-law.

Could only stay here a few days and then I was on my way to Portland, Oregon. I was met by Kittye Dunn, the new Department President, Nellie Cooper, Retiring President, Past Department Presidents, Rose Garrison and Rose Stewart. Their Convention had closed a few days before but they gave me a hearty welcome and did everything to make my stay in Oregon pleasant, and I was very happy to meet with these sisters.

Leaving Oregon I headed for Tacoma, Washington and was met by Frances Haskell. Past National President and taken to her home, where I was happy to again meet her niece, Frankie Fellows. Sister Frances had arranged a very lovely banquet for me and I also had the pleasure of visiting the Home at Puyallup, to which she has devoted so much of her time and energy, and of which she is proud, and she may well be, for as Superintendent of this Home she has done a fine work and the Old Ladies are well taken care of and happy, and all enjoy Sister Haskells' visits. As I could not stay for the Washington Convention. which was to be held the next week in Yakima, I appointed Frances Haskell to represent me.

Leaving Tacoma, was on my way to Weiser, Idaho, where was met by Past National President Cassea H. Orsborn and her husband and taken to their home where I rested, wrote letters and enjoyed the creek that runs beside Cassea's home. Here a reception was held for me by Sister Cassea and I met members of the Circle and friends.

The Department of Idaho Convention was to be held in Boise, and not being able to make this I asked Sister Cassea to represent me, which she graciously consented to do.

Arrived in Omaha Saturday night and Monday evening was on my way again to attend the Minnesota Convention. This enjoyable Convention was led by Wynette Seale, Department President. Was happy to see here members of my Official Family, Irene Patterson, National Assistant Secretary, Mary I. Nickerson, National Council of Administration.

Attended Camp Fire where a most beautiful tableau was staged and the High School Band was as good as any professional Band. After the Convention was the guest of Mary Nickerson in her home. Was taken to the Anoka Home and was happy to see the members so well taken care of in their comfortable home.

Left Minneapolis for Des Moines and was met by Past Dept. President Minnie Milne and taken to Hotel Savery. National Press Correspondent Bertha Hunt and other Sisters called on me during the evening. Caroline Germain, Department President arrived in the morning and Monday morning the Convention opened and was finely conducted. The Drum Corp of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic of Sioux City put on a very fine drill and I hope to have them at the National Convention. I had to leave before

the close of the Convention to make the Illinois Convention at Springfield.

Arrived in Springfield at 12:45 P. M. Was met by Ida Wright of the National Council of Administration and was rushed to the Elks Club where the Get-Together Luncheon was in progress. A very good convention was held here, with Department President Elizabeth Coons presiding.

Past National President Pearl Cooke and Past National Secretary Wilma Raman took me for a ride about the City and to Lincolns' home and Tomb, where the Custodian showed me many things of interest and gave me a much-prized souvenir. Left that evening for Chicago, Sister Pearl traveling with me. In Chicago we said goodbye and I journeyed on to Pittsburgh.

In Pittsburgh visited with Past National President Frances Kuhns, Past National Secretary May Slattery, Past Department Presidents Ila Mae Armstrong, Margaret Franz and Loretto Neu meyer. Saturday afternoon Department President, Marion Nicholas drove me to Uniontown where the Department Convention was to be held. Attended Flag Day Service at the Third Presbyterian Church. In the afternoon, Mary Barclay, Chairman of Arrangements, took us for a lovely drive to Friendship Hill, the home of Albert Gallatin, Secretary of the Treasury under Presidents Jefferson and Madison. As the Pennsylvania Convention did not open until Tuesday and I was due in Utica, New York for their Convention, I bade a reluctant goodbye to Marion Nicholas, Mary Barclay and the few Sisters assembled, and boarded a train for New York.

Arriving at Utica was met by Past National President Sarah J. Ehrmann, Ruth Petch, National Treasurer Gladys Newton and others. Was accorded many honors in New York, gave a broadcast over WIBX. The reports read showed good work done under the leadership of gracious Ruth Petch, Department President.

As I had to leave before the Convention was finished was happy to turn over the Installation of Officers to Sarah Ehrmann and she had the pleasure of installing her daughter, Henrietta Bodge as Department President.

Coming to Atlantic City, Department President Lydia Sanford welcomed me and installed me in a beautiful room looking out on the ocean, and I could hardly go to bed so fascinated was I. Here I was happy to find Past National Presidents Helen Lehman and Orpha Whitaker and National Chaplain Arada Doughty, and was delightfully entertained.

A good peppy Convention was held under the direction of Department President Lydia Sanford. I did enjoy my stay in New Jersey and was loathe to go but was scheduled for Detroit where I arrived on Sunday morning and was met by National Registrar Lillie Wall and her nephew, James, and was taken to their home where Sister Nellie was waiting to greet me. Had a lovely visit here. Lillie and James took me about the City, to the GAR Monument, Belle Island and many places of interest.

Frances Dorsey, Chairman of National Defense Committee took me to Greenfield Village, Edison Institute, and to luncheon at Dearborn Inn; to the Michigan Wowen's Defense Conference meeting, to her home to dinner, where I had the pleasure of meeting her dear 97-year-old mother, her daughter, Virginia and her niece. We called upon Comrade Haines, who had just celebrated his 100th birthday.

I attended a Circle Birthday Party and cut the cake.

We drove into Canada and back to a reception, then to a banquet and a meeting of Navy Circle. And at 10:30 P. M. a black-out was on and while it was not done for my special benefit, it was my second experience in Black-Out Practice, my first being in Florida.

Left Thursday for Indianapolis and was met by Past National President Cora Rowling and her daughter, Mrs. Helen Brewer, and was taken to their lovely apartment where I met Cora's two beautiful granddaughters. We had a grand visit and the next day went to Lincoln Hotel, where we met National Counselor Nellie Stammel and Bessie Hart, Chairman of Arrangements. We had dinner and theatre together. On Saturday had conference with the Hotel manager, Mr. Paul Walk; made reservations and talked over plans for the Convention. Sister Hart and her Committee had been working very hard and plans were well formulated. Again I hated to say "goodbye" to dear friends but left Saturday evening, arriving home June 28th, three months from my starting trip. In that time I have traveled many thousand miles, seen and heard many interesting things and have enjoyed meeting our Sisters and knowing that they are all trying to Carry On.

As I said in the beginning of my report there are so many things I would like to tell you, would like to go over each Convention in detail, but that is impossible and I could only say to these Department Presidents and members of Departments I have visited "Thanks for the many gifts and honors accorded me and for your loyalty to me and the Organization.

To the Departments that I could not visit I send my regrets and I am sorry that it was impossible to make every convention, but know that you are all working for the honor and glory of our Comrades.

I have received many invitations from allied orders, patriotic and civic organizations many of which I was unable to attend but whenever possible I sent a representative.

And now I come to the close of the year and will soon turn over to my successor the Office I was so proud to hold this year and I wish for her the same loyalty and cooperation you have given me this year,

"I've been growing richer;
Not richer in the wealth I own,
But richer in the Love I've met
And richer in the friends I've known,
And richer in the service
I've been privileged to do,
And richer in my contacts
With DEAR FRIENDS just like You.

To you, my Official Family—you have been my right hand, have performed the duties of your office without question, without urging and were ever ready to do anything asked of you.

To the Past National Presidents—You who have been the Rock in the weary land, who have made this Organization what it is, you have been so kind to me, ever willing to help with your letters of encouragement and advice and I knew that with your help I must succeed. I thank you for your patience and understanding and will be honored to join your ranks of Past Presidents.

To my NATIONAL TREASURER—Gladys W. Newton, you have been a most efficient Treasurer and I do appreciate the help you have been to me this year and I have enjoyed my work with you, and I thank you for making my way bright and for your hospitality to me while in your home on the hill. We have long been friends but this year has only strengthened that golden link and bound us closer than ever.

To my NATIONAL SECRETARY—Lydia Vasholz, my friend of many years, I cannot tell you what you have been to me this year, you have so lightened my work, performing the duties of your office in the same thorough way you have always done the task before you. I well knew your worth when I asked you to take this responsible office and I can only say "Well Done", Lydia dear and thanks for your loyalty and friendship.

To George A. Gay, Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic: To you I extend my thanks for your unfailing kindness and courtesy. It was a real joy to meet you and your good wife in our travels. My best wishes to you for a happy Convention.

To Miss Katherine R. A. Flood, Secretary to the Grand Army of the Republic, my thanks and appreciation for your help during this year.

To Mrs. Mary Luchsinger, National President of Woman's Relief Corp: I am thankful for the pleasure of knowing you, Most Gracious Lady.

Erma Hard Chaplin, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. My greetings and best wishes for a successful Convention.

Mrs. Margaret Schroeder, National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: It has been a privilege to serve with you this year and I thank you for the courtesies extended to me as we have met in the Conventions; and, most particularly for the sweet welcome of flowers sent to me when in your State of New Jersey.

Albert C. Lambert, Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: It has been a pleasure to be a part of the Official Family with you and my thanks for your consideration always. I extend to you greetings and best wishes for a most successful Convention.

To my National Counselor, Nellie Stammel, who worked so untiringly to have the Convention meet in Indianapolis, and who though ill all through the year helped me willingly with council and advise. I am sorry that you are not able to attend all of the Convention but am glad that you can be with us part of the time and we welcome you most sincerely.

To my Chairman of Arrangements Bessie Hart and Committee: No words of mine can ever express my appreciation or all you have done to make this Convention a success. I know that you labored hard and had many diffficulties to overcome because of conditions of War, but you have accomplished wonders and I marvel at your achievements. "Thank you" is such a poor word to express the gratitude I feel for all you and the Indiana Sisters have done for me and the delegates but hope it will in a small way convey my appreciation.

To Catherine G. Schroeder, Press Correspondent: For the beautiful Scrap Books you compiled for me and also for the many favors accorded me, my heartfelt thanks.

To Edwina P. Trigg, Editor of the Bugle Call my thanks for your help in making the adjustments in our paper that were made necessary by the War and for helping to keep our little paper going and for your encouragement and hospitality shown me in your delightful home.

To Frances P. Kuhns: To you go my sincere thanks for the beautiful banquet arranged and for the thrilling experience of having twenty-one of our Boys in Blue with us.

To the Officers, delegates and to every member of this beloved Organization my thanks for the honor given me and for the helping hand held out to me, to you I give the credit for anything I may have accomplished, for without your concerted help and encouragement I could have done nothing. To you I give my love and thanks and this be your benediction.

"The Sun be warm and kind to you,
The darkest night, some star
Shine through.
The dullest morn
A radiance brew
And when dusk comes
God's hand to you."

Sincerely in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

ETHELYN P. SMITH,

National President.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the Fifty-Sixth National Convention:

Dear Sisters:

The march of time brings us together again in annual national session and I return to you the trust given to me a year ago, as untarnished, I hope, as when I received it.

I am deeply grateful for the honor conferred upon my Thayer Circle and my beloved Kansas, for the privilege of serving upon your staff, Sister Ethelyn, and for the many courtesies extended to me through the year.

I have tried to bring to those whom it has been my pleasure to meet something of the spirit of the Order and what it stands for. I cannot help but feel that Abraham Lincoln and his defenders of the Union had a vision far beyond the scope of their generation, and it is for us, who come after to seek out this vision and make it real. Make it real in loving patriotic service as inheritors of "The Grand Army of the Republic."

Yours in faith and service,

EUNICE RASH,

National Senior Vice President.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sisters:

With sincere appreciation of the honor of serving as National Secretary and grateful for the confidence of my friend and National President, who deemed me worthy of that privilege, I submit the following report. Department Secretaries have been very wonderful in kindness and cooperation in our work together.

I have assisted our National President in distribution of General Orders. Have mailed all blanks for Departments and Circles, have answered numerous letters, have issued receipts for per capita tax received from Departments and Circles under National Jurisdiction. Immediately upon receipt of tax payments checks were forwarded to our National Treasurer and receipts received from her.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Number of Departments last report		32
Number Circles last report		586
Gained during year by institution	4	
Gained during year by reinstatement	4	
Total Gain		8
Aggregate		594
Lost during year by disbanding	4	
Total		4
Number of Circles in good standing		590
Number Junior Circles last report	16	
Gained during year	6	
Aggregate		22
Lost during year	0	
Total number of Circles		612
Number members last report		20,619
Gained during year—By initiation	1309	
By transfer	119	
By reinstatement	120	
By institution	64	
Total gain		1,612
Aggregate		22,231
Lost during the year—By death	534	
By honorable discharge	250	
By dishonorable disch'ge	21	
By transfer	106	
Non payment of dues	1125	
By disbanded Circles	332	2,358
Number in good standing subject to P. C. Tax		19,873
Honorary members—Veterans of the Civil War	183	
Sons, grandsons and nephews	2836	
Junior Members	441	
Total		3,460
Total membership		23,333

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total amount of funds at last report	$31,087.93
Total amount received during the year	61,844.30
Total	$92,932.23

EXPENDITURES

Per Capita tax paid to Departments	$ 9,578.92	
For Relief	7,221.94	
For incidentals	12,278.07	
For G.A.R.	556.69	
For Soldiers Home	409.23	
For Soldiers Widows Home	2,742.07	
For Homes for Veteran's & Wife	235.03	
For Convention Memorial	102.28	
For Patriotic Work	5,261.48	
Extra Exenditures	447.06	
Total	$38,832.77	
Total Amount of Funds on Hand		$54,099.46
Relief other than money	$47,582.71	
No. of Flags Used in Burial Services	161	
Per Capita Tax Paid to National	3,187.69	
Bugle Call Tax paid to National	3,482.56	
G. A. R. Tax paid to National	746.14	
Total Tax Paid to National		$7,416.39
Convention Memorial paid to National	$ 13.50	
Ways and Means Paid to National	89.00	
Total of all funds pand to National		$7,518.89

The following Circles have been instituted during the year and to each we extend greetings and good wishes.

Lieut. Gen'l. McArthur Circle #77—California & Nevada

Mother Marshall Circle #98—Steubenville, Ohio

Lincoln Circle #19—Missouri

Nancy Hanks Circle—Cassadaga, Florida

Junior Circles:
Edwin Sexton Circle, Huntington, Ind., was organized by Eva Stetzel and sponsored by I. H. Heaton Circle No. 70.

Major William J. Lowry Circle #12 instituted by Sara Johnson, Pennsylvania.

Victory Circle, of Dubuque, Iowa, organized by Nellie Tinkham, assisted by Mrs. Jennie Royce.

Junior Circle organized at Salt Lake City, Utah, by Virginia Collins, assisted by Margaret Fisher, Eva Heiner, Georgia Fulcher and instituted by Dept. President, Cynthia Howard.

Alpha Junior Circle No. 1, Joliet, Illinois, organized by Eva Murray. A Junior Circle organized by Lillian Eckland, Dept. Pres., assisted by Charlotte Stewart.

As I come to the close of my years' work I wish to acknowledge all kind words, letters and messages of cheer, also thanks to Department secretaries for their courteous and friendly assistance and to Gladys W. Newton, National Treasurer, I wish to say thanks for your patience and helpfulness. I have enjoyed working with you and may God bless our organization and help us to carry on.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

LYDIA VASHOLZ,

National Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENTS 1941-1942

	1941	Gain	Loss	1942
New Jersey	748	24	98	674
Pennsylvania	3429	238	357	3310
California-Nevada	1451	118	138	1431
Illinois	1167	101	97	1171
Kansas	1184	68	113	1139
Ohio	1324	205	155	1374
Iowa	886	78	240	724
Oklahoma	264	9	19	254
Kentucky No. 1	153	14	47	120
Nebraska	294	26	47	273
Massachusetts	425	19	47	397
Minnesota	1324	75	153	1246
New York	1205	116	163	1158
Indiana	1180	127	149	1158
Colorado-Wyoming	355	25	21	359
Michigan	532	35	48	519
Wisconsin	751	63	67	747
West Virginia	384	30	58	356
Washington-Alaska	361	22	23	360
Missouri	901	80	100	881
Oregon	317	26	37	306
Connecticut	79	0	12	67
Maine	476	25	44	457
Rhode Island	203	15	16	202
Vermont	142	6	11	137
Montana	346	13	31	328
Idaho	150	16	16	150
Florida	75	4	17	62
Utah	130	7	6	131
New Hampshire	115	8	11	112
Potomac	155	13	3	165
Kentucky No. 2	62	5	12	55

Circles Under National Jurisdiction

Chas. Sumner	11	0	1	10
General D. S. Stanley	40	1	1	40
	20619	1612	2358	19873

PER CAPITA TAX—DEPARTMENTS

	3rd. Quarter	4th. Quarter	1st. Quarter	2nd. Quarter	Total
New Jersey	$ 29.64	$ 29.00	$ 28.16	$ 26.96	$ 113.76
Pennsylvania	135.60	133.20	132.24	132.40	533.44
Calif. & Nev.	57.40	57.76	57.76	56.84	229.36
Illinois	46.04	46.28	47.00	46.84	186.16
Kansas	46.60	46.52	46.24	45.60	184.96
Ohio	54 20	58.75	55.16	54.96	223.07
Iowa	35.72	31.52	28.96	28.96	125.16
Oklahoma	10.44	10.44	10.32	10.16	41.36
Kentucky No. 1	——	4.28	4.80	4.80	13.88
Nebraska	11.68	11.00	11.08	11.92	44.68
Massachusetts	16.88	16.92	16.64	15.88	66.32
Minnesota	51.88	51.16	50.08	49.84	202.96
New York	46.48	47.32	45.48	46.32	185.60
Indiana	45.80	44.48	44.64	46.32	181.24
Colo. & Wyo.	14.40	14.44	14.36	14.36	57.56
Michigan	21.12	20.72	20.52	20.76	83.12
Wisconsin	29.96	29.16	29.16	29.88	118.16
West Virginia	14.40	14.00	13.84	14.24	56.32
Wash. & Alaska	14.56	14.76	14.24	14.76	58.32
Missouri	35.84	35.68	35.24	35.24	142.00
Oregon	12.32	12.32	12.36	12.24	49.24

Connecticut	——	——	——	4.15	4.15
Maine	19.08	19.16	18.28	——	56.52
Rhode Island	8.00	7.96	7.96	8.08	32.00
Vermont	5.68	5.56	5.48	5.48	22.20
Montana	13.56	13.32	12.92	13.12	52.92
Idaho	6.08	6.20	6.12	6.00	24.40
Florida	3.00	2.40	2.36	3.04	10.80
Utah	——	5.20	5.20	5.24	15.64
New Hampshire	4.99	4.40	4.48	4.48	18.26
Potomac	6.20	6.36	6 52	6.60	25.68
Kentucky #2	2.52	2.48	2.48	2.20	9.68
Chas. Sumner Circle	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.00	4.30
Gen'l. D. S. Stanley	3.60	3.60	3.51	3.60	14.31
Totals	804.68	807.45	794.29	781.27	3,187.69

DEPARTMENTS

	Per Capita	Bugle Call	G.A.R.	Total
New Jersey	$ 113.76	$ 142.20	$ 28.44	$ 284.40
Pennsylvania	533.44	176.80	92.94	803.18
Calif. & Nev.	229.36	286.70	57.34	573.40
Illinois	186.16	232.70	46.54	465.40
Kansas	184.96	231.20	46.24	462.40
Ohio	223.07	269.60	53.92	546.59
Iowa	125.16	156.45	31.29	312.90
Oklahoma	41.36	51.70	10.34	103.40
Kentucky No. 1	13.88	61.55	6.95	82.38
Nebraska	44.68	55.85	11.17	111.70
Massachusets	66.32	82.90	16.58	165.80
Minnesota	202.96	253.70	50.74	507.40
New York	185.60	232.00	46.40	464.00
Indiana	181.24	226.55	45.31	453.10
Colo. & Wyo.	57.56	71.95	14.39	143.90
Michigan	83.12	103.90	20.78	207.80
Wisconsin	118.16	147.70	29.54	295.40
West Virginia	56.48	7.60	14.12	78.20
Wash. & Ala.	58.32	72.70	14.54	145.56
Missouri	142.00	177.50	35.50	355.00
Oregon	49.24	61.55	12.31	123.10
Connecticut	4.15	5.25	——	9.40
Maine	56.52	48.75	9.98	115.25
Rhode Island	32.00	40.00	88.00	160.00
Vermont	22.20	27.75	5.58	55.53
Montana	52.92	66.15	13.23	132.30
Idaho	24.40	30.50	6.10	61.00
Florida	10.80	13.00	2.60	26.40
Utah	15.64	19.55	2.60	37.79
New Hampshire	18.26	15.35	2.24	35.85
Potomac	25.68	32.10	6.42	64.20
Kentucky #2	9.68	12.10	2.42	24.20
Gen'l. D. S. Stanley	14.31	6.36	1.59	22.26
Chas. Sumner Circle	4.30	——	——	4.30
Total	$3,187.69	$3,482.56	$ 746.14	$7,416.39

Inventory Of Supplies In Secretary Trunk

1 Package of Patriotic Literature
2 Cuts Circle Floor Work for Ritual
30 Gold Seals
1 Official Seal
1 Picture Liberty Bell
1 Box of Stickers
5 Supply Receipt Books
1 Cut of Cassea Hopper Orsborn
1½ Secretary's Record Book
60 Clasp Envelopes
300 Envelopes without addresses

1 Filing Case for papers
10 Rosters 1940
25 Rosters 1941
2 Eligibility cards
55 Dept. Quarterly Report Blanks
96 Dept. Election Report Blanks
142 Dept. Credential Blanks
66 Dept. Chaplain Blanks
15 Dept. Patriotic Instructor Blanks
420 Circle Quarterly Report Cards
92 Circle Return Blanks
77 Circle Credential Blanks
885 Circle Patriotic Instructor Cards
2 Circle Chaplain Report Cards
1 Loose Leaf Book—Names and addresses of Dept. Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers and other Information.

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sisters:

In compliance with Rules and Regulations, I herewith submit the following financial report for your approval:

Department	Supplies	Per Capita	Bugle Call	G.A.R.	Conv. Memc.	Ways Means	Misc.
California-Nevada	137.39	229.36	286.70	57.34	....	....	....
Colorado-Wyoming	42.90	57.56	71.95	14.39	....	....	....
Connecticut	.....	4.15	5.25	....	....	....	....
Florida	.....	10.80	13.00	2.60	....	....	....
Idaho	14.03	24.40	30.50	6.10	....	....	....
Illinois	105.70	186.16	232.70	46.54	....	10.00	2.25*
Indiana	152.20	181.24	226.55	45.31	....	....	....
Iowa	66.37	96.20	120.25	24.05	....	....	.61*
Kansas	65.15	184.96	231.20	46.24	6.50	3.00	....
Kentucky No. 1	3.90	13.88	61.55	6.95	....	....	....
Kentucky No. 2	.90	9.68	12.10	2.42	....	....	....
Maine	31.27	56.52	48.75	9.98	....	....	....
Massachusetts	19.61	66.32	82.90	16.58	....	....	....
Michigan	73.75	83.12	103.90	20.78	1.00	9.92	1.00* 5.00†
Minnesota	111.57	202.96	253.70	50.74	....	....	.24*
Missouri	97.10	142.00	177.50	35.50	10.00	....	29.00*
Montana	26.14	39.80	49.75	9.95	....	....	....
Nebraska	30.18	44.68	55.85	11.17	....	....	5.00‡
New Hampshire	4.75	13.78	9.75	1.12	....	....	....
New Jersey	55.77	113.76	142.20	28.44	5.00	....	3.00*
New York	94.53	185.60	232.00	46.40	1.00	66.08	8.25*
Ohio	127.97	223.07	269.60	53.92	....	....	....
Oklahoma	21.96	41.36	51.70	10.34	....	....	....
Oregon	49.45	49.24	61.55	12.31	....	....	....
Pennsylvania	228.38	533.44	176.80	92.94	....	....	....
Potomac	14.66	25.68	32.10	6.42	....	....	....
Rhode Island	12.45	32.00	40.00	8.00	....	....	....
Utah	8.93	15.64	19.55	2.60	....	....	....
Vermont	18.38	22.20	27.75	5.58	....	....	....
Washington-Alaska	38.32	58.32	72.70	14.54	1.00	....	....
West Virginia	30.70	56.48	70.60	14.12	1.00	....	....
Wisconsin	78.17	118.16	147.70	29.54	....	....	....
	1762.58	3122.52	3418.10	732.91	25.50	89.00	44.35* 5.00† 5.00‡
Circles under National							
Chas. Sumner	5.15	4.30	.....	.....	....	....	....
General Stanley	3.10	14.31	6.36	1.59	....	....	....
Nancy Hanks Lincoln	16.25	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....
Editor Bugle Call	.....	.....	88.26	.....	....	....	....
	1787.08	3141.13	3512.72	734.50	25.50	89.00	44.35* 5.00† 5.00‡

*Patriotic Leaflets.
†Memo shrine.
‡Arlington.

WARRANTS—1941-1942

September-October

No.			
1	Amsden-Connor, Bonds for Natl. Secy, Treas. & Editor	$ 15.00	
2	Gladys W. Newton, Salary Sept. 18th-30th	10.00	
3	Lydia Vasholz, Express on Secretary's trunk	5.94	
4	Lydia Vasholz, Sept. postage & office expense	2.00	
5	Ethelyn P. Smith, Sept. postage & office expense	14.35	
6	See Bugle Call Report		
7	Gladys W. Newton, Express & Sept. office expense	10.46	
8	Lydia Vasholz, Salary Sept. 18th-30th	10.00	
9	See Bugle Call Report		
10	Lydia Vasholz, Salary for October	25.00	
11	Gladys W. Newton, Salary for October	25.00	
12	See Bugle Call Report		
			$ 117.75

November

	Charleston National Bank. Imprinting check-book	1.50	
13	Gladys W. Newton, Express & October office expense	23.65	
14	Ethelyn P. Smith, October office expense	16.26	
15	Lydia Vasholz, October office expense	3.24	
16	See Bugle Call Report		
17	See Bugle Call Report		
18	Scholl Printing Co. Gen. Orders, Decisions, postage	63.68	
19	See Bugle Call Report		
20	Scholl Printing Co. Stationery & postage	77.10	
21	See Bugle Cal Report		
22	Gladys W. Newton, Salary for Nov.	25.00	
23	Gladys W. Newton, Nov. office expense	16.10	
24	See Bugle Call Report		
25	See Bugle Call Report		
26	Ethelyn P. Smith, Nov. office expense	14.15	
27	Lydia Vasholz, Salary for Nov.	25.00	
28	Lydia Vasholz, Nov. office expense	5.33	
29	Chas. A. Winship, Gold pins	6.60	
30	West Virginia Agency, Insurance on supplies	6.80	
31	Chas. A. Winship, Gold pins	52.80	
32	See Special Assessment Fund		
33	See Bugle Call Report		
34	Jos. A. Davison's Sons, part payment on badges	50.00	
			387.21

December

35	Chas. A. Winship, Gold pins	4.50	
36	See Special Assessment Fund		
37	Ethelyn P. Smith, Expense to Patriotic Conference on National Defense	150.00	
38	Mrs. Carroll McGuire, Dues to Patriotic Conference	50.00	
39	See Bugle Call Report		
40	Margaret Worrell, Postage, Natl. Legislative Chairman	10.00	
41	Void		
42	Scholl Printing, Envelopes	4.48	
43	Scholl Printing, Election returns	7.88	
44	See Bugle Call Report		
45	See Bugle Call Report		
46	Lillian Clark Cary, Postage, Natl. Junior Supervisor	10.00	
47	Ethelyn P. Smith, Dec. office expense	19.91	
48	Gladys W. Newton, Dec. office expense	18.56	
49	Gladys W. Newton, Salary for Dec.	25.00	
50	Lydia Vasholz, Dec. office expense	13.62	
51	Lydia Vasholz, Salary for Dec.	25.00	
			$ 338.95

January

52	See Bugle Call Report	
53	Hoerman Press, Junior rituals	18.01
54	See Bugle Call Report	
55	See Bugle Call Report	
56	See Bugle Call Report	
57	See Bugle Call Report	
58	Ethelyn P. Smith, Traveling expense	200.00
59	Ethelyn P. Smith. Jan. office expense	16.13
60	Gladys W. Newton, Jan. office expense	19.12
61	Gladys W. Newton, Salary for Jan.	25.00
62	Lydia Vasholz, Jan. office expense	15.00
63	Lydia Vasholz, Salary for Jan.	25.00

64—Scholl Printing, Quarterly report blanks	11.00	
65—Scholl Printing, Credential blanks	17.55	
66—Scholl Printing, Circle report blanks	19.41	
67—Chas. A. Winship, Gold pins	52.80	
68—Chas. A. Winship, Gold pins	4.40	
69—Chas. A. Winship, Gold pins and stars	45.70	
70—Chas. A. Winship, Gold pins	47.95	
71—Jos. K. Davison's Sons, Badges and ribbon	106.68	
72—Van Deusen Specialty Co. Flag pins	47.87	
73—Jos. K. Davison's Sons, Ribbons and pendants	17.32	
74—Catherine G. Schroeder, Flowers to Comrade on 100th Birthday	1.50	
75—See Bugle Call Fund		
76—See Special Assessment Fund		
		$ 691.34

February

77—Bastian Bros., Junior buttons	37.41	
78—Ethelyn P. Smith, Expense Convention arrangements	65.00	
79—Ethelyn P. Smith, Feb. office expense	14.88	
80—See Bugle Call Report		
81—See Bugle Call Report		
82—Gladys W. Newton, Express & Feb. office expense	19.30	
83—Gladys W. Newton, Salary for Feb.	25.00	
84—Lydia Vasholz, Feb. office expense	14.81	
85—Lydia Vasholz, Salary for Feb.	25.00	
86—See Special Assessment Fund		
87—Scholl Printing, Cards	4.30	
88—See Bugle Call Report		
89—Chas. A. Winship, Gold pins and bars	34.40	
90—Chas. A. Winship, Gold pins	64.20	
91—Chas. A. Winship, Gold pins	26.40	
92—Chas. A. Winship, Gold pins	39.60	
		$ 370.30

March

93—Jos. A. Fernandez, Mottoes	30.00	
94—See Bugle Call Report		
95—See Bugle Call Report		
96—See Bugle Call Report		
97—Scholl Printing, General Orders & postage	34.74	
98—Ethelyn P. Smith, Traveling expense	300.00	
99—Ethelyn P. Smith, Mar. office expense	12.92	
100—See Bugle Call Report		
101—See Bugle Call Report		
102—Gladys W. Newton, Mar. office expense	20.97	
103—Gladys W. Newton, Salary for Mar.	25.00	
104—Lydia Vasholz, Mar. office expense	9.48	
105—Lydia Vasholz, Salary for Mar.	25.00	
106—See Bugle Call Report		
107—See Bugle Call Report		
108—See Bugle Call Report		
109—Void		
		$ 458.11

April

110—Lillie G. Wall, Freight on Registrar's cabinet	13.43	
111—Catherine G. Schroeder, Testimonial letter	8.34	
112—Ethelyn P. Smith, Traveling expense	200.00	
113—See Special Assessment Fund		
114—Ethelyn P. Smith, Traveling expense	50.00	
115—Ethelyn P. Smith, Traveling expense	150.00	
116—Ethelyn P. Smith, Apr. office expense	16.14	
		$ 437.91

May

117—See Bugle Call Report		
118—See Bugle Call Report		
119—Gladys W. Newton, Salary for Apr.	25.00	
120—Gladys W. Newton, Apr. office expense	17.30	
121—Lydia Vasholz, Salary for Apr.	25.00	
122—Lydia Vasholz, Apr. office expense	11.13	
123—Lillian Clark Cary, Postage, Natl. Junior Supervisor	15.00	
124—See Bugle Call Report		
125—See Bugle Call Report		
126—Enterprise Press, Visiting cards, Report blanks	12.60	
127—Ethelyn P. Smith, Traveling expense	150.00	
		$ 256.03

June

128—Ethelyn P. Smith, May office expense	12.32	
129—See Bugle Call Report		
130—See Bugle Call Report		
131—Gladys W. Newton, Salary for May	25.00	
132—Gladys W. Newton, May office expense	16.90	
133—Lydia Vasholz, Salary for May	25.00	
134—Lydia Vasholz, May office expense	13.69	
135—See Special Assessment Fund		
136—American Stationery Co., Stationery	2.00	
137—See Bugle Call Report		
138—See Bugle Call Report		
139—Catherine G. Schroeder, Expense testimonial letter	2.71	
140—Enterprise Press, Rosters, Genl. Orders, Sec'y. receipt books, Junior cards, postage	190.44	
141—Ethelyn P. Smith, June office expense	14.04	
		$ 302.10

July

142—See Bugle Call Report		
143—See Bugle Call Report		
144—Gladys W. Newton, Salary for June	25.00	
145—Gladys W. Newton, Supplies, June office expense	15.55	
146—Lydia Vasholz, Salary for June	25.00	
147—Lydia Vasholz, June office expense	8.25	
		$ 73.80

August

148—Ethelyn P. Smith, July office expense	9.52	
149—See Bugle Call Report		
150—See Bugle Call Report		
151—Gladys W. Newton, Salary for July	25.00	
152—Gladys W. Newton, July office expense	14.74	
153—Lydia Vasholz, Salary for July	25.00	
154—Lydia Vasholz, July office expense	3.63	
155—Void		
156—Jos. K. Davison's Sons, Badges	172.40	
157—Jos. K. Davison's Sons, Ribbon	7.08	
158—See Bugle Call Report		
159—See Bugle Call Report		
160—Enterprise Press, Gummed shipping labels	1.75	
161—Chas. A. Winship, Gold pins	26.40	
162—Marie J. Buhler, Expense to Maine as Natl. Representative	50.00	
163—Jos. K. Davison's Sons, Pendants	.89	
164—Lillian Clark Cary, Postage Natl. Junior Supervisor	10.00	
165—See Bugle Call Report		
166—See Bugle Call Report		
167—Ethelyn P. Smith, Aug. office expense	12.44	
168—See Bugle Call Report		
169—See Bugle Call Report		
170—Gladys W. Newton, Salary for Aug.	25.00	
171—Gladys W. Newton, Aug. office expense	16.27	
172—Lydia Vasholz, Salary for Aug.	25.00	
173—Lydia Vasholz, Aug. office expense	8.58	
174—Jos. K. Davison's Sons, Pendants	8.64	
175—Eva Blackman, Dues to Federated Patriotic Society	10.00	
176—Enterprise Press, Receipt books	31.00	
177—See Bugle Call Report		
		$ 483.34
Total disbursements from the General Fund		$3916.84

RECAPITULATION

GENERAL FUND

Balance from previous Administration		$ 165.24	
RECEIPTS			
From sale of supplies	$1787.08		
Per Capita Tax	3141.13		
Ways & Means Committee	89.00		
National Convention Memorial	25.50		
		5042.71	
Total receipts for year			$5207.95
DISBURSEMENTS			
Warrants 1-176, exclusive of those shown under Bugle Call and Special Assessment Fund			3916.84
Balance on hand subject to Convention Disbursements			$1291.11

BUGLE CALL FUND

Balance from previous Administration		$ 44.41	
RECEIPTS			
From Departments	$3418.10		
Circles under National Jurisdiction	6.36		
Editor of Bugle Call	88.26		
		$3512.72	
Total receipts for year			$3557.13

DISBURSEMENTS

No.			
6—Edwina P. Trigg, Salary Sept. 18th-30th	$ 14.00		
9—Scholl Printing, Part payment Sept. Bugle Call	175.00		
12—Edwina P. Trigg, Salary for Oct.	35.00		
16—Scholl Printing, Postage on Sept. Bugle Call	16.55		
17—Scholl Printing, Balance on Sept. Bugle Call	174.99		
19—Scholl Printing, Postage on return cards	4.91		
21—Edwina P. Trigg, Sept.-Oct. office expense	11.01		
24—Edwina P. Trigg, Salary for Nov.	35.00		
25—Edwina P. Trigg, Nov. office expense	15.83		
33—Scholl Printing, Postage on return cards	1.32		
39—Scholl Printing, Oct. Bugle Call	349.19		
44—Scholl Printing, Postage on return cards	6.75		
45—Edwina P. Trigg, Salary for Dec.	35.00		
52—Scholl Printing, Postage on Oct. Bugle Call	16.17		
54—Scholl Printing, Dec. Bugle Call	377.43		
55—Edwina P. Trigg, office expense	17.56		
56—Edwina P. Trigg, Salary for Jan.	35.00		
57—Edwina P. Trigg, Jan. office expense	15.38		
75—Scholl Printing, Postage on Nov.-Dec. Bugle Call	28.24		
80—Edwina P. Trigg, Feb. office expense	13.31		
81—Edwina P. Trigg, Salary for Feb.	35.00		
88—Scholl Printing, Jan. Bugle Call	331.63		
94—Scholl Printing, Balance on Sept. Bugle Call	4.70		
95—Scholl Printing, Postage on Jan. Bugle Call	13.70		
96—Scholl Printing, Nov. Bugle Call	314.18		
100—Edwina P. Trigg, Mar. office expense	14.41		
101—Edwina P. Trigg, Salary for Mar.	35.00		
106—Scholl Printing, Mailing list	39.15		
107—Scholl Printing, Postage on Feb. Bugle Call	13.80		
108—Scholl Printing, Feb. Bugle Call	321.60		
117—Edwina P. Trigg, Salary for Apr.	35.00		
118—Edwina P. Trigg, Apr. office expense	13.10		
124—Scholl Printing, Mar. Bugle Call	317.16		
125—Scholl Printing, Setting mailing list	2.39		
129—Edwina P. Trigg, Salary for May	35.00		
130—Edwina P. Trigg, May office expense	14.91		
137—Scholl Printing, Apr. Bugle Call	318.64		
138—Scholl Printing, Setting mailing list	11.60		
142—Edwina P. Trigg, Salary for June	35.00		
143—Edwina P. Trigg, June office expense	10.94		
149—Edwina P. Trigg, Salary for July	35.00		
150—Edwina P. Trigg, July office expense	14.16		
158—Scholl Printing, Setting mailing list	20.22		
159—Scholl Printing, May-June Bugle Call	336.70		
165—Scholl Printing, Postage on Mar. Bugle Call	13.86		
166—Scholl Printing, Postage on Apr. Bugle Call	13.65		
168—Edwina P. Trigg, Salary for Aug.	35.00		
169—Edwina P. Trigg, Aug. office expense	9.47		
176—Scholl Printing, Postage on July-Aug. Bugle Call	14.00		
Total disbursements from Bugle Call fund		$3787.21	
Deficit in Bugle Call fund			$ 230.08

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND

Balance from previous Administration		$1343.04	
RECEIPTS			
From sale of Patriotic Leaflets	$ 44.35		
Interest	16.48		
		60.83	
Total receipts for year			$1403.87

DISBURSEMENTS

No.				
32—Scholl Printing, Shipping labels for Pat. leaflets	$ 3.54			
36 Wing Printing, Postage on patriotic leaflets	28.36			
76—Wing Printing, Part payment on patriotic leaflets	284.09			
86—Wing Printing, Postage on patriotic leaflets	3.01			
113—Wing Printing, Balance on patriotic leaflets	200.00			
135—Wing Printing, Postage on patriotic leafets	1.38			
Total disbursements		$ 520.29		
Balance on hand in Special Assessment fund				$ 883.58

GRAND ARMY FUND

Receipts from Departments and Circles under National			$ 734.50
No disbursements			

SPECIAL TARBOX FUND

Received from previous Administration—Cash	$ 2.50		
United Drug Bond No. M. C. 10943	100.00		
	$ 102.50		
Interest received during year	5.00		
Balance on hand in Special Tarbox Fund			$ 107.50

MEMORIAL SHRINE FUND

Received from previous Administration—Cash	$ 793.95		
Bonds	3000.00		
	$3793.95		
Receipts			
Department of Michigan	$ 5.00		
Interest	11.97		
	$ 16.97		
Balance on hand, Bonds No. 404985-6-7-8	$3000.00		
Savings Account	810.92		
			$3810.92

ARLINGTON MEMORIAL FUND

Received from previous Administration	$ 131.00	
Received from Department of Nebraska	5.00	
Balance on hand in Arlington Memorial Fund		$ 136.00

To our National President, Ethelyn P. Smith, I wish to sincerely thank you for your kindness, consideration, thoughtfulness, and cooperation throughout this past year. The closer association with you has deepened my friendship and love for you, and I trust we shall have many more happy years to enjoy the friendship thus made.

To our National Secretary, Lydia Vasholz, our work together is almost over and I extend to you my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your help and cooperation. Through all your illness, sorrow and difficulty, you have remained sweet and patient, and have endeared yourself to me. I hope you will continue in the work of our National Organization.

To the Editor of the Bugle Call, Edwina P. Trigg, and her very able Assistant, Edna M. Ray, my thanks and appreciation to both of you for all you have done this past year. Our friendship and understanding have become the sweeter for another year's work together.

To our National Junior Supervisor, Lillian Clark Cary and to the Chairman of the Revision Committee, Margaret Grandle, my

sincere thanks to both of you for your help during the year, especially in securing the Junior buttons and membership cards.

To the National Officers and Past National Presidents, I appreciate your many kindnesses to me. Your encouraging letters have helped and I thank you.

To my family of Department Treasurers, I am most reluctant to say farewell to each of you as I finish my third year as National Treasurer. Some of you have served during the entire time. In the three years of service, I have not had one complaint, and I want to express my gratitude to each one of you for your patience, your friendly assistance and cooperation.

To every member of our Organization, I wish to say 'thank you' for the many courtesies shown me during the three years.

"It's just the little human touch that makes the game worth-while,
The little helpful word of praise, the small and cheery smile."

Most loyally yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

GLADYS W. NEWTON,
National Treasurer.

INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES SEPTEMBER 1942

	On Hand	Bought	Sold	Left	Value
Badges, Membership	94	1050	1014	130	$ 58.50
Badges, Junior	96	....	4	92	27.60
Badges, Officers	57	2	19	40	18.00
Bars, Bronze	367	....	4	363	72.60
Blanks, Application	6136	....	2373	3763	75.26
Bonds, Treasurer	2998	....	106	2892	289.20
Books, Circle Proposition	379	....	9	370	148.00
Books, Receipt	226	250	256	220	88.00
Books, Warrant	203	....	138	65	26.00
Buttons, Junior	....	1000	34	966	144.90
Cards, American Creed	534	....	22	512	10.24
Cards, Comrade Greeting	322	....	....	322	9.66
Cards, Hon. Discharge	552	....	299	253	5.06
Cards, Key	210	....	12	198	3.96
Cards, Ode with Music	34	....	23	11	2.20
Cards, Ode & Officers	2828	....	1119	1709	170.90
Cards, Sons of Vet. Greeting	612	....	2	610	18.30
Cards, Transfer	612	....	126	486	9.72
Cards, Visiting	64	500	117	447	22.35
Charter, Applications	75	....	7	68	3.40
Charters	166	....	6	160	160.00
Charters, Junior	70	....	11	59	29.50
Electrotypes	25	....	2	23	23.00
Flags, Memorial	38	....	27	11	2.75
Good & Welfare Stickers	2262	....	1127	1135	11.35
History of Order	138	....	11	127	16.51
Pendants, Bronze	462	276	315	423	44.06
Pendants, Gold	290	....	22	268	67.00
Pendants, Silver	274	....	87	187	28.05
Ribbon, Flag	278⅙*	....	173*	104¼*	88.61
Ribbon, Officers	9*	31¼*	18½*	21¾*	21.75
Rituals	2420	....	565	1855	834.75
Rules & Regulations	5577	....	1411	4166	499.92
Stars, Bronze	5	....	....	5	1.00
Stars, Bronze, Officer	42	....	1	41	8.20
GOLD PINS					
Rolled Gold Star	1	6	3	4	4.40
Rolled Gold Star & Bar	10	....	1	9	15.75
Rolled Gold Past Pres. Pin	1	....	....	1	2.25
Gold Star	5	6	8	3	6.00
Gold Star, Tiny	9	24	13	20	45.00
Gold Star & Bar	9	6	8	7	16.45
Gold Past Pres. Pin	6	144	146	4	10.40
Gold Past Secy. Pin	4	....	3	1	2.60
Gold Past Treas. Pin	5	6	6	5	13.00
Pioneer Pins	42	36	30	48	48.00
Total					$3204.15

* Yards

ADDENDUM REPORT OF RECEIPTS NAD DISBURSEMENTS AT CONVENTION

DISBURSEMENTS AT CONVENTION SEPTEMBER, 1942

Warrants No.		
178	Tri Art Press, Journals 1940-1941	$ 600.00
179	Chas. A. Winship, gold pins	13.20
180	Ethelyn P. Smith, flag presented to Hotel Lincoln	25.00
181	Ethelyn P. Smith, R. R. fare	54.29
182	Chas. A. Winship, National President's jewel	35.00
183	See Grand Army Fund	
184	Eunice Rash, Senior Vice-President, expense	25.00
185	Arada Doughty, Chaplain, expense	25.00
186	Nellie Stammel, Counselor, expense	25.00
187	Marie J. Buhler, Patriotic Instructor, expense	25.00
188	Lillie C. Wall, Registrar, expense	25.00
189	Bessie Hart, Chairman Council of Administration, expense	25.00
190	Ida E. Wright, Council of Administration, expense	25.00
191	Mary I. Nickerson, Council of Administration, expense	25.00
192	Irene Patterson, Assistant Secretary, expense	25.00
193	Clara N. Sawyer, P.N.P., expense	25.00
194	Lillian C. Cary, P.N.P., expense	25.00
195	Ethel M. Irish, P.N.P., expene	25.00
196	Lida E. Manson, P.N.P., expense	25.00
197	Cassea H. Orsborn, P.N.P., expense	25.00
198	Cora M. Rowling, P.N.P., expense	25.00
199	Margaret Grandle, P.N.P., expense	25.00
200	Josephine Mahar, P.N.P., expense	25.00
201	Sarah J. Ehrmann, P.N.P., expense	25.00
202	Pearl C. Cooke, P.N.P., expense	25.00
203	Frances M. Kuhns, P.N.P., expense	25.00
204	Orpha M. Whitaker, P.N.P., expense	25.00
205	Bessie Hart, Chairman of Convention arrangements	50.00
206	Myra Montross, Musician	20.00
207	Marie Harkins, Soloist	20.00
208	Margaret H. Worrell, Legislative Chairman, expenses	34.50
209	Myra Montross, song sheets for Delegates	3.80
210	Nellie Stammel, postage on Journals	2.50
211	Margaret Grandle, postage Historian	10.00
212	Lydia Vasholz, Salary Sept. 1st-18th	15.00
213	Gladys W. Newton, Salary Sept. 1st-18th	15.00
214	See Bugle Call Report	
215	Gladys W. Newton, Packing Treasurer's supplies	25.00
216	Lydia Vasholz, Compiling Journal	25.00
217	Gladys W. Newton, R. R. fare and extra meals	15.93
218	Lydia Vasholz, R. R. fare	58.34
219	Lydia Vasholz, Sept. office expense	12.55
220	Ethelyn P. Smith, Sept. office expense	8.47
221	Gladys W. Newton, Sept. office expense	7.51
222	Hotel Lincoln	192.58
223	Hotel Lincoln, gratuities to employees	23.00
224	See Bugle Call Report	
225	Ethelyn P. Smith, Convention expense & incidentals	40.80
226	Charles Mayer & Co., Flag for Veterans Hospital	77.00
227	Tri Art Press, express and postage on Journals	37.56
228	See Bugle Call Report	
229	Scholl Printing Co., envelopes	4.80
230	Catherine G. Schroeder, expense Press Correspondent	3.80
231	Jos. A. Fernandez, balance on mottoes	30.00
232	Eva Stetzel, membership prize	5.00
233	I. H. Heaton Circle, membership prize	5.00
234	Edna Mae Fitzgerald, membership prize	3.00
	Total	$1998.63

GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand subject to Convention disbursements			$1291.11
Receipts at Convention:			
Sale of supplies		$ 39.14	
Per Capita Tax, Montana	$ 13.12		
Iowa	28.96		
New Hampshire	4.48		
		46.56	
Convention Memorial, Potomac	$ 3.50		
Michigan	2.00		
Wisconsin	5.00		
Pennsylvania	10.00		
		20.50	
Registration fee from Delegates		209.00	
Sale of mottoes		123.25	

Ways & Means, Rhode Island	$ 2.00		
Minnesota	19.00		
Missouri	10.00		
West Virginia	7.25		
Massachusetts	1.00		
Ohio	10.00		
New York	17.00		
Michigan	5.00		
		71.25	
Penny collection		8.02	
Refund from Ethelyn P. Smith on traveling expense		50.00	
			$ 567.72
Total in General Fund			$1858.83
Disbursements, warrants 178 to 234 exclusive of Bugle Call and Grand Army			1998.63
Deficit in General Fund			$ 139.80
Transferred from Special Assessment Fund			139.80

No balance left in General Fund to be turned over to new Administration.

BUGLE CALL FUND

Deficit in Bugle Call Fund			$ 230.08
Receipts at Convention:			
Bugle Call Tax, Montana	$ 16.40		
Pennsylvania	12.45		
Iowa	36.20		
New Hampshire	5.60		
			70.65
Total deficit			$ 159.43
Disbursements:			
Warrant No.			
214—Edwina P. Trigg, Salary Sept. 1st to 18th		$ 21.00	
224—Edwina P. Trigg, R. R. fare		12.92	
228—Scholl Printing, permit paid to Gov't.		10.00	
			43.92
Deficit in Bugle Call Fund			$ 203.35
Transferred from Special Assessment Fund			203.35

No balance left in Bugle Call Fund to be turned over to new Administration.

GRAND ARMY FUND

Balance on hand subject to Convention disbursements			$ 734.50
Receipts at Convention:			
G.A.R. tax, Montana	$ 3.28		
Pennsylvania	2.70		
Iowa	7.24		
New Hampshire	1.12		
			14.34
From Special Assessment Fund			251.16
Total in Grand Army Fund			$1000.00
Disbursements, warrant 183, Love gift to Grand Army			1000.00

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND

Balance on hand subject to Convention disbursements		$ 883.58	
Disbursements:			
Transferred to Grand Army Fund	$ 251.16		
Transferred to General Fund	139.80		
Transferred to Bugle Call Fund	203.35		
Total disbursements		$ 594.31	
Balance in Special Assessment Fund		289.27	
Interest received after Convention		3.01	
Balance in Special Assessment Fund turned over to new Administration			$ 292.28

MEMORIAL SHRINE FUND

Balance on hand subject to Convention disbursements ..	$3810.92	
Interest received after Convention	6.08	
Balance in Memorial Shrine Fund turned over to new Administration—Bonds No. 404985-6-7-8, $3000.00 Cash $817.00		$3817.00

SPECIAL TARBOX FUND

Balance turned over to new Administration, Bond No. MC 10943	$ 100.00	
Cash	7.50	$ 107.50

ARLINGTON MEMORIAL FUND

Balance turned over to new Administration		$ 136.00

PATRIOTIC FUND

Balance turned over to new Administration		$ 30.00
Grand Total in all funds turned over to new Administration.....		$4382.78
Cash	$1282.78	
Bonds	3100.00	
		$4382.78

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Camden, New Jersey, Sept., 12, 1942

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

As National Chaplain I wish to thank you for the honor conferred on the Mother State of our Order—my Department of New Jersey, Wm. B. Hatch Circle No. 2, of Camden, and myself, when you unanimously elected me to this office.

In assuming the duties, I did so with sincere thankfulness in my heart, and appreciation of the confidence expressed. The office has given me many special opportunities for personal contact with members, and has enabled us to keep step one with another, as we give willingly and unselfishly of time, strength and means, to uphold and emulate the high standard we have striven to attain. This is a most sacred office and I have endeavored to live up to the high ideals pertaining to it.

I have tried at all times to do my duty by sending letters of sympathy and cards to those in sorrow, who have been called on to part with loved ones and cards of cheer to members who were ill and shut-in.

I wish to thank the members who have notified me of these misfortunes that I might send words of comfort to these sisters, for only by this cooperation and our splendid paper "The Bugle Call" could this contact be made. To any members who have not received cards or letters I wish to assure you it was not intentional. If members would realize the importance of notifying the National Chaplain of sorrow and illness, much more work could be accomplished and no one would be overlooked. In line with this duty I have written one hundred twenty-three letters and one hundred sixty-two cards. Have also written many letters and cards to Department Presidents and Chaplains trying to have a full and complete report to present.

There is much confusion in reports due to the fact that the Circle report cards differ from the Department blanks. Several Department Chaplains have written me regarding this, saying that they could not make a correct report.

That the Reports may be made more accurate, I would recommend that Report blanks from Circles and Departments be made uniform.

Much good work has been done, however, and following is full report.

Number of Circles strew flowers on water	563
Number of members who attended services on Memorial Sunday	3438
Number members attended Memorial service in Circle Room	3469
Number Sisters passed away during the year	395
Number Honorary Members passed away during year	103
Number of graves of Sisters visited and decorated	4045
Number of Honorary members' graves decorated	7621
Amount expended for flowers	$710.13
Amount donated	115.00
Number of cut flowers	4688
Number emblems	95
Refreshments were provided for Boy Scout Troops	452
Number of Children who took part on Memorial Day	35,203
Number of Flags used on Memorial Day	57,657
Number of Mounds and Monuments erected in memory of unknown dead	6
Number of Boy Scout Troops taking part on Memorial Day	350

Special Mention

The Department of Ohio, reported placing a memorial stone over an unknown Soldiers' grave preceding their Convention.

Department Chaplain of Minnesota reports sending fifty-two cards; calling on sick at hospitals and homes; attending funerals of comrades and sisters.

Department Chaplain of Florida, sent a very interesting program of their Memorial Day exercises, which included the service at the War Mother's monument in Williams Park, and at the U. S. Veterans Administration Home, at Bay Pines, from there which was eight miles by bus, they proceeded to a Lake where a short memorial was held and many flowers and wreaths were cast upon the water in memory of the Naval dead. She added that it might be interesting to know that while the services were going on an alligator lay a short way off shore watching the proceedings.

Department of Potomac report serving refreshments to three hundred and fifty Boy Scouts who helped in decorating the graves of the comrades and that more than two thousand paper flowers were made by the members, besides the fresh flowers used.

Reports have been received from two Circles under National Jurisdiction.

Charles Sumner No. 2, Wilmington, Delaware;

Gen'l D. S. Stanley No. 3, San Antonio, Texas.

I feel sure that much outstanding work has been done in many Departments but if it is not mentioned in their reports, no credit can be given.

It has been a pleasure to enjoy many special occasions during the year. Early in October I was a dinner guest at the Federated Patriotic Societies meeting held in Trenton. Other guests were Albert C. Lambert, Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Margaret D. Schroeder, National President of their Auxiliary.

I attended Inspections and Installations of many of our New Jersey Circles in company with our Department President, Sister Sanford and officers.

My special thanks go to Wm. B. Hatch Circle No. 2 for a reception given in my honor on April 20th. I also wish to thank the Departments that have sent me General Orders and Proceedings, Sister Bessie Hart and all who have assisted in our Memorial Services, Department Chaplains who sent Memorial Day Programs, and for the many lovely letters I have received from the members.

Another honor added to the year, was the privilege to wear the Rose Houghton National Chaplain Badge entrusted to my keeping by Sister Cassea Orsborn, Past National President, and I thank her sincerely.

To our National President, Sister Ethelyn, I congratulate you on your year of service, it was an honor to New Jersey, to have you attend our entire Convention and with your gracious manner you won the love and respect of all the members. And may I say that it has been a real privilege to be a member of your official family.

Sisters, the office of Chaplain calls for the sacred work of our Order, on Memorial Day and we should be prompt in our reports and proud to perform our duty, so that it can be said of us, "Well Done". If each officer will attend to her duties promptly, this can be accomplished. May we each take on renewed interest, striving to learn, better the "right way" and ripen into loyal character, we "March On".

Remembrance is a beautiful word, and it will always be with a heart filled with gratitude that I shall recall all the kindness shown me this year while serving in this dignified and sacred office.

Sincerely in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
ARADA B. DOUGHTY,
National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Indianapolis, Indiana, Sept. 16, 1942

To the National President, Ethelyn P. Smith—Officers and Members of this Fifty-Sixth National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic—Greetings!

Having been honored to act as the National Patriotic Instructor of our glorious Organization for the past year, I herewith tender my report.

When elected to this high and important office, I had great ambitions as to the great work I would accomplish, to bring honor and greater recognition to our beloved Order. However, as always, "Man proposes and God disposes". Before I could even start on the plans formulated, we were immersed in this world-wide war, and the ideas I had, had to be dropped, and every effort made

to further the Country's urgent needs. As a good soldier, I stood at attention, forgot my ideals, and awaited orders. I feel that our organization, according to reports received from the various States, has measured up to its heritage, for it has done, is still doing, and will always do, whatever possible, in the preservation of all that has been so inately enshrined in our hearts and minds, by our heroic fathers, who faltered not, to save this Union. "Blood will tell" has often been proved, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will not be found wanting, to do anything to help our Country now, and at all times.

Of my struggles during the past year, I will not speak; but cannot close this report, without acknowledging the encouragement, kindness, cheer and co-operation received. Never have I received a rebuff, or an unkind word. Our National President has never been too busy to write and advise me. Have replied to all communications promptly, and to the best of my ability. Sent out the authorized leaflets immediately after returning from National Convention, followed by a "return post card" requesting that an acknowledgement of receipt of same be sent me.

Took part in, presided, and spoke to Schools, Scouts, Churches, Women's Relief Corps, presented seven large flags personally, and at my own expense. Presented 2 gold and 2 silver medals to pupils of Bronx Vocational High School for the Past Circle Presidents' Association of New York City, for essays on the Civil War. Inspected Circles and installed Officers-elect. Was honored to represent our National President at the convention of the Department of Maine, and presented a Flag to their wonderful Betsy Ross Club.

Have been pleased to entertain Past and National Officers, when they visited in New York City.

The Departments have done a vast amount of work, and it is to be regretted, that space could not be found to tabulate all their labors. Flag Salute and Pledge was found used by all.

All Departments co-operate with the Grand Army of the Republic and affiliated organizations.

Sunday Schools participated in our patriotic work, and nothing has been left undone to further patriotic endeavor.

Pledging to my successor my heartiest co-operation and best wishes—Lovingly in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

MARIE J. BUHLER,
National Patriotic Instructor.

Report—according to reports received by me:

Active Membership	25,582
Honorary Membership	1372
Leaflets distributed	22,648
Patriotic Songs	800
Aims and Objects	325
Schools visited	1,276
Rural Schools	197
Pictures of Great American's presented	110
Children assisting Circles on birthdays of Great Men	11,614
Flags presented	3,791
Prizes for Patriotic Essays	262
Children taking part in Memorial Day Exercises	45,965
Oleographs presented	2,431

Money expended for Patriotic Work	$1,801.60
Circles with Patriotic Funds	38
Departments with Patriotic Funds	13
Circles under National Jurnsdiction:	
Circle #3—	
San Antonio, Texas	
Schools visited	4
Oleographs presented	25
Patriotic Leaflets distributed	25

REPORT EDITOR OF THE BUGLE CALL

September 15, 1942

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the 56th National Convention:

"Isn't it strange that princes and kings,
And clowns that play in the sawdust rings,
And common folk like you and me
Are builders of Eternity?
Each is given a bag of tools
A shapeless mass, and a book of rules;
And each must fashion e'er this life is flown
A stumbling block or a stepping stone."

The laws of life are made, for us living in this world, so that our achievements and our associations may make for a better world, here. We do not live to ourselves, alone, and if we attain any degree of success, we are beholding to our associates. Our attitude toward our associates and friends, and our outlook on life help us to build up with construction a stepping stone for others, or make a stumbling block for the destruction of our purposes.

Last year when I was elected Editor of the Bugle Call, I succeeded a most able person, our Past National President, Wynnye G. Williamson, who was familiar with every phase of newspaper work, and carried this work with credit during her four years of Editorship.

In getting out this magazine, the Editor does not only compile the news sent in for publication and keep in touch with the 582 circles in our organization, but we deal with the United States Government when we put our Bugle Call through the mails. In this work we are linked with the U. S. Government in the Postal Department, where everything is being done to perfect the system, and we must comply with regulations in the strictest sense. I was employed in the Postal Department of our Government for several years, and for 20 years after I left the Department, I took the Civil Service examination each year for the education it offered; but, a lapse of a few years without this test shows how rapidly time moves away, when one does not keep step; and, unless we stop and look back with a conservative view and an intelligent attitude, we do not realize this.

At this time, as in 1934, when I took over the Bugle Call when Sister Lillian Clark Cary, Past National President and Editor, was stricken, I found that it was not the editing of the paper that caused our difficulties, but the mailing list. Then, there were a few over 3,000 subscribers, now we have 19,000. Our Postal Laws require the payment of 2 cents for each paper not delivered, for insufficient address. Postal statistics show that an average of 2% of any mailing list, for change of address, is the general rule, even when in a perfect KEY SYSTEM. With 19,000 names, it is a huge

and almost an impossible task to correct addresses of members when not in alphabetical order and with nothing to identify them. Large cities have hundreds of small stations around them, and when all mails must go through the main office, we may hunt for days and even weeks to locate a name when the address is not given.

Last fall when I returned from the National Convention and had a chance to go over the mailing list trying to find some names that had been given me, I found that our only chance for any system was to get the correct names and addresses from our circles. A letter went out to the Department Presidents asking for these corrected lists that a check could be made for errors which might be on our mailing list. A KEY SYSTEM could not be established until these lists were secured and all names given numbers to identify them. This is in accordance with Government regulations that all second class periodicals be in a KEY SYSTEM for better handling.

When we made request for National Advertising, the Advertising Agents would not even look at our list without the KEY SYSTEM when they had to pay for it; for they could not put our list in the hands of their inspectors to determine its authenticity, when we did not have a file from which to check. They refused to bother with it.

The Departments were kind in their cooperation, except a few who refused to give their lists; but that did not bother us, for we knew enough in each department and in the circles to go around this objection. This caused much unnecessary writing, but we have a sign in our office which reads, "DON'T FORGET TO SMILE", and it is still working after the year is passed, for it has helped so much.

I have always said that one person could not do the work of the Bugle Call, for there are not enough hours in the day, or days in the week, unless the mailing list is in a KEY SYSTEM. Even then, it would require all the time of one person to keep it up to date. Therefore, I am grateful to our National President for the appointment of Edna M. Ray of Missouri to assist me in this work. She is interested, faithful to her duties and has learned so quickly the system we have established. We do work hard, but there is something that makes any task pleasant, and that is our own attitude toward our work.

In our office there are files which contain the names and addresses of all circle members who have sent their lists, so that we know, or could know in a very few minutes any name and address of a member in any department. We have copied at least 12,000 to 15,000 names for these files, which were made in duplicate, one for the printer, so that any reference made to any error can be easily located. Over 300 galleys of typed names are handled in dealing with over 1,500 cities. Hundreds of cards come from Post offices in these cities when a paper cannot be delivered, on which we have to pay 2 cents; but these are being lessened with this KEY SYSTEM.

We have a Postal Guide, with supplements which come each month with changes, or establishing of new offices, so there is no need for confusion about cities or where located when this Guide is at hand.

We have probably done more work on research, writing letters to clear lists, and answering questions from the different circles and departments, than editing the paper; but without this

correct mailing list our paper would be of little value. Correspondence plays a great part for hundreds of letters are received and answered each week.

Because of the postage expense, cards were obtained, and all year these have been used; and, instead of 3 cents only 1 cent is necessary to answer most of the correspondence. This is a great saving for Postal Cards are first class, will be forwarded, and are handled as letters.

When the paper shortage was reported, there was some confusion for all were afraid that many suspensions would come in the magazine and newspaper fields, but it was soon found that it was not so much the paper itself, but the credit of those firms who bought in **futures** which is more or less of a gamble with those who cannot pay cash.

Everything has taken on the War atmosphere, and whether we like it or not, orders sent out from the different divisions of the Government must be obeyed. We do not ask "WHY", we do as we are told, like all good soldiers. If you think our National President has not had a difficult time, one should have followed her in her efforts to keep everything going at normal pace for any change is confusing and she has had to "about face" many times.

As the recruiting of our armed forces grew and the handling of mail took on large proportions, the Office of Defense Transportation issued the order to all publications to reduce their issues. Our National President had no alternative but to comply with whatever was best for us and to do her part to keep step. So application was made to make our Bugle Call a BI-MONTHLY paper instead of a monthly paper in going through the mails. This was accepted by the Postal Department, and on May 1st the Bugle Call was changed in its issues. The May-June issues was the first of this change, and a copy was sent for the files of the Postal Department and the Library of Congress in Washington, for record.

In reducing our issues, in our effort to cooperate, the Postal Department urged us to keep our paper, and not think of relinquishing our second class privilege, for no Copyrights or Trademarks were being issued, because of the increased burden on the mailing service. We issued our paper for 21 years before it became necessary to protect our name. The Trademark for our name was issued to us as a second class privilege for 20 years; failure on our part to comply with the Postal Laws would forfeit our right to this privilege. This would not only bring discredit on our name but brand the name of those who gave us this name as our heritage. This Trademark, the original, is in the Patent Bureau in Washington, where it takes a lot of red tape to enter; but it is secured there for us. We, as patriotic women would not want to do anything that would bring the faintest reflection on this name.

I want to make it clear that ONLY ONE LIST is asked of the circles; and when once sent, only notice of the death, transfer or dropped members, and those who have moved—with old and new addresses, is all that is necessary to keep our lists in order and up to date.

As a whole we have had fine letters from everyone, but in a few cases folks have seemed to want to get mad, but that has not greatly worried us, for there never was a question that could not be solved in some way if we take the right attitude, and know that each has the right to her own opinion so long as she gives others the same right, with the thought of cooperation any problem may be solved.

Those outside of our Order like our Bugle Call, for many letters have come with favorable comment; other letters have come from our older members and some who are invalids, who "do love our paper".

$88.26 has been sent to our office for subscriptions, and this in turn has been sent to the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Sister Ethelyn, my National President: I have enjoyed my work with you this year, for you have been very kind and considerate. When it seemed, almost, an impossible task with things in this office at the start, your fine attitude in all things, your executive ability gave great encouragement and helped so much in working out the many things which faced us. This splendid understanding has made our friendship something very sincere, and will be for me a treasured part of my work in this Order. Thanks for your appointment as your representative at the Michigan convention. It was such an enjoyable privilege to meet again those I have known so well, and spend a few days with them. I hope it was as much help to them as it was a pleasure to me.

I never see fine cooperation, but what I feel that any group cannot help but be successful when this is practiced by its officers.

I do appreciate your prompt and accurate assistance, Sister Gladys, and your sweet ways, in dealing with problems that face you and those associated with you. I have loved you for years and this year's work has only strengthened that bond of friendship which I feel sure will carry us through life.

I did not know you so well, Sister Lydia, but with all your sorrow and illness you have been so fine and considerate to work with and I know that I will not forget our pleasant times together.

I want to thank the Organization for the confidence placed in me, for my life has been richer for the many associations I have had, with this year as an added joy.

When I come to the end of a year, filled with so many different experiences, and after working for months, find things unfolding in such a constructive and creditable way, I cannot help but feel:

"There's never a new day lived out to the end
However, life's tempest may pitch us,
But what with a triumph, a joy or a friend,
The swift fleeting hours may enrich us.

There is so much to do and there's so much to see
In spite of the troubles that fret us;
So much to wait for, and so much to be
If only the future will let us—

That life with its burdens and life with its tears
And its heart burning touches of sadness;
Still lures us all on, to the end of our years,
With its friendships, its loves and its gladness".

Sincerely,

EDWINA P. TRIGG,
Editor of the Bugle Call.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT EDITOR OF THE BUGLE CALL

Kansas City, Missouri,
September 18, 1942.

Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the 56th National Convention.

Dear Sisters:

When I received your appointment as Assistant Editor of The Bugle Call, I considered it a signal honor to have this association with one so efficient as our Editor, Sister Trigg. I have tried sincerely to be of service to her and to our Organization. The year has been a busy one, but very interesting, and as we have tried to establish the Key System, the contact with the circles and Departments has been most pleasant. I thank you for your confidence in me, Sister Smith, I have tried to measure up to what has been expected of me.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

EDNA MARION RAY,
Assistant,
Editor of the Bugle Call.

REPORT OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

The Council of Administration have audited the books of the National Secretary and National Treasurer and are pleased to submit the following report:

General Fund—		
Balance on hand at last report	$ 165.24	
Received during the year	5042.71	
Total receipts	$5207.95	
Disbursements	3916.84	
Balance on hand		$1291.11
Bugle Call Fund—		
Balance on hand last report	$ 44.41	
Received during the year	3512.72	
Total receipts	$3557.13	
Disbursements	3787.21	
Deficit	230.08	
Special Assessment Fund—		
Balance on hand at last report	$1343.04	
Received during the year	60.83	
Total receipts	1403.87	
Disbursements	520.29	
Balance on hand		$ 883.58
Grand Army Fund—		
Received during the year	$ 734.50	
No Disbursements		

Special Tarbox Fund—

Balance on hand at last report		
Cash	$ 2.50	
Bond	100.00	
Received for interest	5.00	
Balance on hand		$ 107.50

Memorial Shrine Fund—

Balance on hand at last report		
Cash	$ 793.95	
Bonds	3000.00	
Received during the year	16.97	
Balance on hand		$3810.92

Arlington Memorial Fund—

Balance on hand at last report	$ 131.00	
Received during the year	5.00	
Balance on hand		$ 136.00

We wish to commend the National Secretary and Treasurer on the excellent condition of their books.

Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

BESSIE HART,
IDA E. WRIGHT,
MARY I. NICKERSON.

REPORT OF NATIONAL REGISTRAR

2421—Fourth Avenue,
September 14, 1942

To Sister Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled at the Fifty-Sixth Convention at Indianapolis, Indiana, Sept. 13th to 17th, your National Registrar takes pleasure in submitting her report:

Dear Sisters:

On my way home from the Convention last year Sister Frances and Sister Pearl presented me with a bronze pilot wheel, now Lillie you will have to put your shoulder to the wheel, and upon receipt of the cabinet and the 6 cartons of old records still to be typed on cards, I found that was exactly what I had to do.

I wish every Sister could see the cabinet with its thousands of typed cards, and each Department's records neatly filed, so they could appreciate the tremendous amount of work Sister Redfern has put into this work during her time as Registrar. I was amazed. Was so glad our National President had an opportunity to visit our home and see the cabinet and work it contained. Also Sadie Mae.

It is interesting work and would be a pleasure if all the records came as complete as they should, but it is such a waste of time and postage to have to return them for missing information. I know, and you know, that Sister Redfern has impressed upon all the Circles the necessity of sending in complete records, yet so many cards come in without the branch of service on, which is most important. If each president would see that the records were complete before initiating a member, I think it would be a great

help. We are always so anxious to gain new members and if the member is taken in without the complete eligibility, the chances are the committee will not bother about getting any missing information.

The Department Registrars have asked me how they can get the Circles to report regularly as they should, and some never report. The Department of New York have adopted a merit system for their Registrars this year and it seems as though it is a splendid idea, and might well be copied by other Departments, give them a goal to work for, and a prize, and it may solve, or help to solve this great problem.

Most of the Department Registrars have worked very hard this year in clearing up a number of old records and in sending in new ones, and would like to extend to them my heartfelt appreciation for their co-operation and efforts. Was so sorry to learn Ollie Berkemeier of Ohio had to give up on account of her health, as she has done splendid work in that Department, and should be commended. Also Kansas, Margaret Cook of California and Nevada, Ann Siemers of Wisconsin, Ethel Turner of West Point, Indiana and many others who have worked diligently on old records to bring their Department up 100%. It is very discouraging when the Circle Registrars do not do their part. Some say that they do not know what their duties are, and a list of helps on registration have been sent them. They should send in their reports once a month according to Rules and Regulations, but some wait until time for Convention and some do not send in a report at all, so it is impossible to get a really correct report.

According to reports furnished by Department Registrars we have:

573 Circles in good standing; 25 Junior Circles; 6 new this year.

250 Circles reported (Where are the 323 other Reports).

905 new members; 41 transferred; 30 reinstated; 34 Honorably discharged.

159 dropped.

145 deceased.

349 old records completed.

California and Nevada added a new Circle—Lieut. Gen'l McArthur—77.

Ohio—Mother Marshall Circle #98 Steubenville—28 members.

Missouri—Lincoln Circle #19—27 members.

Washington and Alaska, a new Junior Circle.

Florida—Cassadaga, Nancy Hanks Circle—27 members.

Two Circles were suspended: Banner Circle #64, Cleveland and Lakewood #96, Ohio.

Have had a very busy but interesting year.

Had the pleasure of donating a 3x5 silk Flag and standard to the Franklin School Library in the name of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for outstanding patriotic work and two escort flags to Theodore Metzger Circle at Niles, Michigan. Have a certificate from Red Cross for 20 hours of First Aid work. Was honored with a visit from Sister Sawyer before she returned home.

I wish to thank the Sisters for electing me to this important office and have tried to serve you to the best of my ability, but credit for what has been accomplished must go to the Department Registrars who have worked so faithfully.

A detailed report of Departments who have reported follows:

	No. of Circles	No. of Circles Reported	New Members	Trans. & Re-in.	Hon. Dis.	Dropped	Deceased	Old Records Completed
New Jersey	25-1*	12	9		4§	33	13	5
Pennsylvania (no report) ..	86-8*							
California & Nevada	39	32	39	8†- 3‡- 2§		12	17	26
Ilinois	43	14	81	2†		12	1	
Kansas	36	13	40	1†- 1‡- 1§		5	4	40
Ohio	34	24	143	4‡		25	23	
Iowa	28	7	15	2†- 3‡		4	1	3
Oklahoma	8	4	9			2	1	25
Kentucky #1 (No report) ..	12							
Nebraska	15	5	4			17	2	
Massachusetts ..	14	8	16	6†	4§	2		
Minnesota	48	11	9	3‡			11	57
New York	45	4	11					
Indiana	32	12	146	1†-13‡		8	3	4
Colo. & Wyo....	8	6	27					
Michigan	17-3*	7	26					
West Virginia .	14-4*	7	12			10	9	4
Wisconsin	26	14	60	6†			6	86x
Washington & Alaska	15-2*	6	20		3§	2	18	135
Missouri	20	13	55	2†			1	35
Oregon	9	3	20	1†	5§	23	8	
Connecticut (No report) ..	3					1	2	25
Maine	14	4	8					
Rhode Island ..	6	5	10	2†- 2‡- 2§		1	1	
Vermont	5	2	2	1†	4§	3	9	5
Montana	9	6	15		1§		1	
Idaho (No report) ..	6			1†- 3‡- 4¶		2	5	4
Florida	6	1	3					
New Hampshire.	3	2	1					
Utah	5	4	13			1	1	
Potomac	5-1*	2	11	1†		5	2	
Kentucky #2 ..	3	1	5	2†		2	2	
Texas No report)¶ ..	1						5	
So. Dakota No report)¶ ..	1							
Mississippi No report)¶ ..	1							
Delaware (No report) ..	1							
Cassadaga, Florida¶	1	1	27—4 honorary—new Circle					
Totals	573-19	250	915	31†-30‡-344		159	145	349

* Juniors.
† Transferred.
‡ Reinstated.
§ Hon. Discharge.
¶ Under National
x lost.

Calif. & Nevada—Lieut. Gen. MacArthur #77
Ohio—Mother Marshall #98, Steubenville—29 members.
Missouri—Lincoln Circle #19—26 members.
Wash. and Alaska—1 new Jr.
Florida, Cassadago—Nancy Hanks Circle—27 members.
Banner Circle #64, Cleveland—Suspended.
Lakewood #96—Ohio—Suspended.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIAN

To the National President, Ethelyn P. Smith and to all Officers and Members of the Fifty-Sixth National Convention, meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., September 13-17, 1942:

GREETING:

The following report covers the work for the Third Year, for Circle and Department Historians and it also covers briefly the most interesting and important activities of the National Body for the first five years of its organization.

In my first and second report to the National Convention I briefly covered the high points of interest which carried our Order through the Years of 1886-1887-1888, under the leadership of Sister Laura McNeir as National President. As I connect the activities engaged in during the years of 1889, 1890, 1891 it will be necessary for me to "back-track" occasionally into prior years already covered, in order that I may keep the sequence of events regular.

An interesting report was made by the National President, Sister Laura B. Sawyer of Pa., at the Third National Convention held in Milwaukee, Wis., August 27, 1889. Sister Sawyer reported that she had issued a special letter to the several departments urging the members to respond liberally with money and clothing to the flood sufferers in the Connenaugh Valley in Pennsylvania; this flood is historically named the "Johnstown Flood" of 1889. She reported that this appeal was responded to generously by the departments of Kansas, New Jersey, California, Illinois, Iowa and Penna., and an amount of money totaling $148.75 was received and turned over to the Department Treasurer of Penna., and to Commander Luther and Comrade Keller of the G.A.R. Post No. 30 at Johnstown for distribution among the suffering comrades and their families.

In the early years of this Order the big work undertaken by the Circles was relief work among the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and their families. The veterans were not receiving pensions—at least not many of them—and the need for assisting them was great. We find the History full of this kind of work engaged in by our members.

During Sister Laura Sawyer's year as National President, the Secretary, Henrietta Gerwig, reported that the Circles contributed $1,224.94 for aid to the Grand Army of the Republic. She reports further that this amount came from the 31 Circles with a membership of 1,689. Relief was given to Circle members and Comrades totaling $5,877.01.

Sister Sawyer made the following appeal to the National Convention in session: "Let us ever keep in mind the wants of our brave veterans in Soldier's Homes and relieve, to the extent of our abilities, those wants; also to encourage every effort being made in different States at present, to establish Homes for the Widows, Wives and Mothers of our Nation's Heroes".

12 new Circles were instituted during the Years of 1889-90 in States under National Jurisdiction as follows: three in Ohio; two in Iowa; one in Walla-Walla, Washington Territory; two in Kentucky; two in Arkansas; one in Nebraska. (The names of these Circles are reported in the National Secretary's report).

The FOURTH NATIONAL CONVENTION was held in Boston, Mass., August 12, 1890, with Sister Frances N. Wood of Kansas,

National President presiding. She reported that two new Departments had been formed—Iowa, March 11, 1890 and Ohio, June 11, 1890, also that 24 Circles were added under National Jurisdiction in the following States: two in Ky.; two in Ark.; three in Ohio; three in Iowa; one in Wis.; two in R. I.; two in Mass.; two in Indiana; three in N. Y.; two in Indian Territory; one in Minn.; and one in Mo.

Sister Frances N. Wood, National President, reported that an effort had been made during the previous year by Sister Laura B. Sawyer, then National President to bring the Woman's State Relief Corps of Maine into the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, since their requirements for eligibility were the same as our Order. Sister Wood reported that the invitation extended to the W.S.R.C. of Maine had not been accepted, but expressed the hope that the consolidation of the two Orders might be made in the near future. On motion of Henrietta Gerwig, of Pa., that the Council of Administration of the Women's State Relief Corps of Maine and the Ladies of the G.A.R. confer and unite on a pass-word or some system that will permit the organizations to visit each other. Motion prevailed.

The question of incorporating was also proposed in 1890—A motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to investigate this matter in regard to Charter. Frances N. Wood, National President was chosen with the privilege accorded her of choosing two additional members; she chose Laura McNeir and Laura B. Sawyer.

A motion prevailed for Departments at their next annual Convention to take under consideration the acceptance of a Charter eminating from the National, signifying their willingness to accept same or not.

At this Fourth National Convention of 1890, Sister Carrie V. Sherriff, Department President of Penn., reports as follows: "In Pennsylvania we are striving to do all in our power to make the mother and wife of the deceased soldier comfortable by providing a home for her, and after many anxious hours we have found a beautiful home located a few miles from Pittsburgh. It consists of two acres of ground, beautiful with evergreens, young fruit trees and quite a variety of plants and flowers. A good brick house consisting of ten rooms, natural gas and splendid water and it is, to say the least, quite a monument to our organization".

The National Secretary, Sister Lucy A. Milligan of Topeka, Kansas stated in her report at this meeting the following in connection with the Penn. Home: "The magnificent work of our Pennsylvania sisters should be to us a source of pride and emulation, their total relief footing up to $4,392.75. With a little over one-third the membership they have contributed two-thirds of the relief and this does not include $245.47 contributed to that noble charity their "Ladies Home".

Reports from each Department President brought valuable information showing growth of Circles and enlarged activities for relief and patriotic work.

The FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, met in Detroit, Mich., August 5-6th-7th, 1891 with Sister Catherine E. Hirst of Ky., presiding. She reported that the National Order was now composed of 198 Circles with a membership of 7,850, a gain of 1,995 members. She reports that during her term, she has organized twenty-four circles, reorganized two, with two new departments formed—one in the State of Kentucky and one in Indian Territory. (The names of the Circles are reported together with their number and location).

A Memorial Order announcing the death of Sister Laura B. Sawyer of Penn., Past National President was read and on motion of Mrs. Frances N. Wood, properly seconded, suitable resolutions were ordered sent to the family of the deceased and to be spread on the minutes of this Convention.

A resolution was presented from the Department of California and adopted as follows: "That a monument fund be established for the purpose of erecting a monument at the grave of Sister Laura B. Sawyer, Past National President, in Allegheny, Penn., and that each Circle contribute to the amount of one dollar or more towards this memorial."

The report of Committee on Charter was called for and read by the chairman, Sister Frances N. Wood, as follows:

"Mrs. President: By appointment of the Fourth National Convention, I was instructed to ascertain regarding our foundation as a National Organization, regarding Charter, etc. Upon conference with legal heads of kindred organizations, I have ascertained that National Organizations are formed under a State law and permission granted by same to organize in other States. We are well fortified in such respect and as a social and charitable society, we are as firm as a rock; regarding what might be necessary if we should become the possessor of land and property, Mrs. McNeir will report. I conferred with the Librarian of Congress regarding the copyrighting our name, and have ascertained by law enacted March 3, 1891, that a name, unless as a book, etc., cannot be copyrighted."

"Mrs. McNeir corroborated the above statements, explaining in case a property contingency should arise some steps would have to be taken to procure protection by an Act of Congress, but was not posted sufficiently to say what should be done. In case of such need arising, after some discussion it was thought best to be prepared and on motion by Mrs. Sheriff, properly seconded, Mrs. Laura McNeir of New Jersey was empowered to gain all necessary knowledge, and her expenses be paid by the National while gaining such information, was unanimously carried".

"The report of the committee regarding the conference with Maine was read and on motion was accepted". The correspondence resulted in the agreement between the Women's State Relief Corps Council and the Ladies of the G.A.R. Council to promulgate a National Password through the National President of each Order to be transmitted to Department and Circle Presidents, to be given to sisters of the Order exclusively for use in the interchange of visits between the Circles.

VALUABLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AND SUSTAINED BY NATIONAL CONVENTIONS:
QUESTION—Nov. 19, 1886.

"Can a member hold an office in the National or State Department, or State Department and Circle at same time? On motion of Mrs. Roby, the office of president, secretary or treasurer can be held by no member filling either of these offices in National or State Department or Circle".

This is our law at the present time, 1942. See Rules & Regulations, page 12, Chapter 11, Art. VIII, Sec. 3". (Historian).

DECISION OF FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF 1891—page 39:

"That any regularly Department or Circle President, that has for good and sufficient cause been obliged to resign her office before

the expiration of her term, shall be entitled to representation in the respective Conventions, and entitled to all privileges accorded said officers"—"the committee on Rules and Regulations was instructed to incorporate it into the Rules and Regulations."

The following reports from Department and Circle Historians have been received:

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO—Erma Brand, Department Historian and Past Department President, has written the history of the Department of Ohio for the first eight years as organized June 11, 1890 up to 1898.

General Voris Circle No. 71, of Akron, written by Laura Linn, Circle Historian for the year 1941, to be added to the report written by the former Circle Historian and Past Department President, Ella Berkemeir, for previous years.

Mother McKinley Circle No. 4 of Martin's Ferry, written by Areotha Roberts, Circle Historian, for the year 1941 and to be added to her previous history.

Toledo Circle No. 70 of Toledo, written by Edith Schumacher, Circle Historian for the year 1941, to be added to her report for previous years.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK—*Auburn Circle No. 49* of Auburn, N. Y., written by Grace H. Boles, Circle Historian also Past Department President has written the history of Auburn Circle from date of organization Jan. 8, 1908 up to 1942.

Schenck Circle No. 5, of Fulton, N. Y., written by Naomi Tallman, Circle Historian assisted by Etta Larned, Department Treasurer and also a member of Schenck Circle, together, have written the history of their Circle from date of organization July 23, 1891, up to 1942. Sister Tallman became a member June 24, 1901 and has been an aactive member for 41 years; she is now 81 years old, as stated in the history.

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO—*Kit Carson Circle, No. 9,* of Colorado Springs, written by Harriet Shellenberger, Circle Historian and who is also a Past Department President of Colorado, has written the Circle History for the year 1941 which I will add to the history written by her for the former years and since date of organization Feb. 26, 1897. The report states that Sister Shellenberger has been a member of her Circle since 1901 and that she has missed very few meetings; also that she is 80 years old.

DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA—Verna B. Sears, Department Historian has forwarded the following reports from Circle Historians:

Meade Circle No. 13, located at Fairmont, West Va., written by Maud Jacobs, Circle Historian and Past Department President for the year 1941, which has been added to the history written by her since date of organization Nov. 4, 1902.

James G. Blaine Circle No. 3, of Moundsville, written by Mary C. McCombs, Circle Historian for the year 1941.

Capt. Denny Circle No. 27, of New Martinsville, written by Beatrice Tharp, Circle Secretary, the date of organization was not reported but the history is well written and brought up to 1942.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND—Bertha Moon, Department Historian, has forwarded the following reports from Circle Historians:

General John A. Logan Circle No. 1, of Providence, R. I., written by Eva M. Ashley, Circle Historian for the years 1890-1939. She makes the statement that Circle records were destroyed by fire previous to 1919, but that Mother Annie Baker, one of the oldest members had rescued some of the Circle property during the fire. Sister Ashley starts the history in 1919 and continues until 1940. The history for the years 1940-1941 are written by Claire Rice, Circle Historian.

U. S. Grant Circle No. 4, of Providence, written by Harriet E. Scott, Circle Historian from date of organization July 25, 1905 up to 1942.

Zenas R. Bliss Circle No. 6, of Cranston, R. I., written by Idella Holdredge, Circle Historian for the year 1941.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt Circle No. 8, of Providence, written by Ruth M. Benvie, a member of the Circle, for the year 1941 and added to previous years written by Bertha Moon, Department Historian from date of organization June 29, 1922-1940.

Richmond Le Riche Circle No. 10, of Hopkinton, R. I., written by Hannah Frill, Circle Historian for the year 1941, and added to her report of previous years from date of organization Jan. 29, 1935-1940.

Sister Hannah Frill also reports the organization of a Junior Circle at Potter Hill, R. I., Jan. 28, 1941, by Sisters Dora Melby and Monica Church, members of Richmond Le Riche Circle No. 10.

The Department Historian, Bertha Moon, has written the history of the Department of R. I., for the years of 1941-1942 and these will be added to her history reported from date of organization of Department of R. I., Aug. 7, 1905-1940.

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA—*General George B. McClellan Circle No. 187*, of Pittsburgh, written by Cora Hinderer, Circle Historian, assisted by Margaret B. Franz, Past Department President, from date of organization of Circle Jan. 9, 1917 up to 1941.

James A. Garfield Circle No. 15, of Pittsburgh, written by Iva H. Shafer, Circle Historian from date of organization 1887 up to 1942. The history covers only a few lines and I urge that she take more time and try to do full justice to this wonderful pioneer Circle and its members, by rewriting its history.

Colonel James Anderson Circle No. 200, of Swissvale, written by Susan Lowstetter, Circle Historian for the year 1941, to be added to her former report of the history from date of organization Sept. 15, 1921 up to 1940.

The Department Historian for Pennsylvania, Emma Sharkey has forwarded the following reports from Circle Historians:

Colonel Senra G. Simmons Circle No. 17, of Harrisburg, written by Annie B. Hahn, Circle Historian from date of organization Nov. 30, 1881 at which time their Circle was known as the "LOYAL LADIES LEAGUE AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC". The word Auxiliary was dropped and the name changed Dec. 14, 1886 to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, as stated in this history. The history while briefly written is most valuable from an historic viewpoint.

Colonel Emlen Franklin Circle No. 171, of Lancaster, written by Mina M. Rohrer, Circle Historian for the year 1941 and up to

May 30, 1942. I shall look forward to receiving the history of this Circle written for the years previous to 1941, since mention is made on the Circle celebrating its 31st Anniversary on Sept. 9th, 1941.

The history of Col. Emlen N. Franklin Junior Circle No. 11, of Lancaster, written by Geraldine Habel, Junior Circle Historian for the years 1940-1942. Mention is made that June 11, 1942 their Circle will be two years old.

Gowan Circle No. 120, of Pottsville, Penn., written by Bessie Moore, Circle Historian for the year 1941.

George B. McClellan Circle No. 187, of Pittsburgh, written by Lettie Taylor, Circle Historian for the year 1941, will be added to history received for previous years.

Wilde Circle No. 129, of Chester, Penn., written by Anna R. Lindenmuth, Circle Historian from date of organization March 25, 1898 up to 1941. Mention is made that the Circle has celebrated its 43rd Anniversary.

Robert Faulkner Circle No. 221, of Pittsburgh, written by Laura Byers, Circle Historian from date of organization Sept. 30, 1938 up to 1942.

Joseph M. Leibert Circle No. 153, of Bethlehem, Penn., written by Anna M. Baines, Circle Historian from date of organization Nov. 12th, 1904 up to 1942.

Samuel B. Hansom Circle No. 220, of Philadelphia, written by Eugenia H. Diem, Circle Historian from date of organization Jan. 10, 1937 up to 1942. The report mentions that Hansom Circle was formed by combining the smaller Circles of Philadelphia into one large Circle. The Circles which were combined are as follows: Numbers, 37; 79; 91; 92; 94; 136; 144.

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA—*Abraham Lincoln Circle No. 3*, of Minneapolis, written in splendid detail from date of organization 1892 up to 1942, by Verna Larson, Circle Historian, and Past Department President. Sister Larson makes the statement in this history that it took her eighteen months to compile this history, which covers a period of 50 years existence for her Circle. The result as shown by the effort, is abundant proof of the time spent in research work.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA—*Columbia Circle No. 24*, of Los Angeles, written by Catherine G. Schroeder, Circle Historian and Past Department President for the year 1941, added to former history of previous years from date of organization, Nov. 18, 1896 up to 1940. Sister Schroeder has also included a very valuable contribution of historic data for the National Historian covering the Roster of executive National officers of the Grand Army of the Republic and the date and place of holding National Encampments, beginning with te first Encampment held in Indianpolis, November 20, 1866.

HISTORIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Sister Schroeder has also contributed a group of twenty-three badges mounted on cardboard which represent various National and State G.A.R. Encampments, chiefly from the Department of California. They are valuable historic relics and I personally extend my appreciation for these gifts in behalf of the National Body.

Sister Frances M. Haskell, Past National President, has contributed valuable newspaper clippings pertaining to early history

of the Grand Army of the Republic, which were the property of her Veteran Father, Henry C. Morgan; she has also contributed other historic material.

Sister Lillian Clark Cary, Past National President has contributed the first issue of a monthly periodical magazine, edited and published in the interests of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, by Elma B. Dalton, May 1895, Department President of Kansas and published at Winfield, Kansas. This magazine contains a valuable history of the Ladies of the G.A.R. from its earliest date of existence and corresponds with regular similarity to the history written by Sister Laura McNeir Loud, our first National President, in 1910. I desire to express highest appreciation to Sister Cary for this historic gift.

Sister Edwina P. Trigg, Past National President and Editor of the Bugle Call, has presented to the office of the National Historian five bound volumes containing the publications of the Bugle Call from the earliest issue to 1941. This is indeed a magnificent gift and one which will serve as reference material for this office in writing the history of our Order. I express deepest gratitude in behalf of the National Body and myself for this valuable historic contribution.

Sister Ida F. Koontz, Past Department Historian for West Virginia, has contributed historic picture post cards. All gifts of historic value are welcomed and will be preserved in the National Archives in this office.

Sister Eva J. French, Department Historian and Past National President of California, has written that she is trying hard to secure a 100% report of Circle Historians and hopes to have them ready in another year. I wish you success, Sister French, for yours is a big undertaking. I would like to have a similar expression from each Department Historian.

Sister Clara N. Sawyer, Past National President recently wrote a letter to Sister Marie J. Buhler, National Patriotic Instructor and Past Department President of New York, in which she told Marie about the history of the Women's State Relief Corps of Maine, together with information concerning the organization of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in Maine. Sister Sawyer sent this letter to Sister Marie so that she might be prepared with the historic background of the Department of Maine, since she had been appointed by our National President, Sister Ethelyn P. Smith as her representative to visit officially at the Department Convention of Maine this past June.

In July, I made a trip to New York City and had the pleasure of visiting with Sister Marie Buhler and she told me about receiving this letter from Sister Sawyer. Realizing that whatever Sister Sawyer would write of this nature would become valuable historic reference material, I made this clear to Marie and requested that she contribute this letter to be preserved among other historic papers in the office of the National Historian and later on she forwarded the historic letter to me. The letter is timely and I shall incorporate it into this report, since already I have quoted from National Journals of Proceedings of 1899, 1890 and 1891 information relative to the early association of the Women's State Relief Corps of Maine and the National Ladies of the G.A.R. I mentioned to Sister Sawyer at the National Convention that Sister Buhler had presented this letter to the National Archives and that I would read it in my report to the convention. She was pleased that her history as written would be preserved and stated that she would be glad to write in more de-

tail on this particular subject, since Maine had been her home in the earliest years of our Order.

The letter in exact words of Sister Sawyer is as follows:

San Diego, California, June 3, 1942.

My dear Sister Marie:

Your nice letter rec'd. and in time to let my Colony know about your interest in the New England Women, especially Miss Butterfield and they appreciated it very much. Now about Maine. You will find we have the oldest Relief Corps, the *first*, ever organized, dating from May 6, 1869 but composed *only* of the Soldier's family. You may recall I have on many occasions announced this fact in public also at National Convention and said the *name Relief Corps* originated in the soldier's family. In 1883 we had a Commander-in-Chief who came to Maine and later at National Convention in Chicago, Ill., 1883, intended to bring all women together under name of W.R.C., *but* a split came on eligibility. Later, when W.R.C., became active *in Maine*, breaking into our G.A.R. Posts and our *old* long established Relief Corps, we felt all should consolidate with the Ladies of the G.A.R., *the Soldier's family*. Naturally there was opposition and many did not want to do that. The proposition was presented by our most respected Ladies: Mrs. O. R. LeGrow; Mrs. Whitman Sawyer; Mrs. Caleb N. Lang; Mrs. Mildred Goddard as well as myself and supported by so many of our very best women who generally attended National Encampments and had *no place* in the Allied Orders holding Conventions. At National Encampment held in Detroit, an exchange of Pass-word between the Ladies of the G.A.R. and the Women's State Relief Corps of Maine was arranged, and a committee of three from each Order appointed to formulate the Pass-word; for over nine years this exchange pass-word was used by both Orders and many visitors from each visited using that exchange pass-word until Circle No. 1 Bosworth of Portland, Maine was organized (by me) and instituted by Dr. Julia P. Shade, National President of Phila., Pa. and I was installed by her as the first President. On your visit as Representative in Maine you will perhaps be asked to go to the Women's State Relief Corps with Greetings, so that is why I have told you of our standing there. Our Department of L. of G.A.R. was instituted by Mary T. Hager at close of Department Convention at Lewiston, Maine and as I organized that, I was made their first Dep't. President.

We moved to Calif. in 1890 and for 5 years I could not transfer but I found and I was urged, that I could do much to help the Dep't. of California and then I transferred to Gen. U. S. Grant Circle of San Diego, when Edith B. Brown of California was National President, and she wanted to propose my name and did and I have been a working member here as you know, but I have never forgotten my former relations and work in Maine. I was the first signer on Charter of Bosworth Circle; I served as Pres. of Bosworth Relief Corps and also as State President of the Women's State Relief Corps; the character of my work you have known for many years and my only desire is and has been, to place the *Soldier's family* in the front ranks. I felt that as a strong United Department our influence would put us in our proper place, but many lovely women, to be sure, insisted Maine should remain by itself instead of perpetuating its identity as *First* in *Work for*, and the *first* to become Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. I have written this, that you may understand the true facts if you are up against it in your visit. I am *so glad* you will represent Ethelyn for you have known me long and well, to know all I do or have done has been *open* and *above board*.

Lovingly in F. C. & L.—
CLARA.

[*Conclusion*]

I desire to express my appreciation to each Department and Circle Historian who has forwarded history to this office the past year. To Historians who are working I wish to give encouragement and to say to you that I am ready to give you advice and help with your work. If you are in need of the earliest records, I will be able to supply information taken from the earliest Journals of Proceedings.

This work is truly a labor of love mingled with gratitude to our members for the privilege of writing history, which in a small measure, will show our appreciation to those loyal pioneer members who made it possible for our Order to exist for you and for me. The members of the past are responsible for this Order today; soon you and I will be numbered among those of the past, and please God, may our efforts be counted as being worthy of emulation by those who come after us.

I want to express my appreciation to our National President, Sister Ethelyn Smith for her interest and encouragement given to me at all times and also to this National Body, again I express gratitude for giving me the honor of serving as your National Historian.

Loyally in F. C. & L.,

MARGARET GRANDLE,
National Historian.

REPORT OF NATIONAL JUNIOR SUPERVISOR

To the National President, Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of the 56th National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic never sponsored a movement that was a greater asset to our Order than the Junior Circles.

The results of this work are so far reaching there is no way to describe just what they mean to this Order. One phase alone is worth all the efforts that a supervisor may put forth, and that is the sale of defense stamps and bonds by the children. The interest manifested by these youthful groups is beyond anything I have ever seen.

I have endeavored to ascertain the increase in membership among our Juniors but it is a difficult matter to get the figures. In the last three or four years I think we might say there is an increase of about four hundred and fifty.

The manner in which the youthful officers preside at the meetings demonstrate that they are fast learning the lessons of leadership. Their patrotic programs, the talks they give, the songs they sing thrill us so we say in our hearts:

> "Backward, turn backward, Oh time in your flight,
> Make me a child again, just for tonight."

The Junior Rituals I prepared and which were accepted by the Committee on Rules and Regulations met a long felt need and while there may be some changes to be made in subsequent publications for the good of the Circles, yet they answer the purpose and have been used in every Junior Circle.

Edwin Sexton Circle of Huntington, Ind. was organized by Eva Stetzel and sponsored by I. H. Heason Circle No. 70 with 18 Charter members.

At Easter time a candle light service was given by the Juniors in the Grand Army Room of the Court House and from the processional march to the closing prayer the children held the attention of an appreciative audience. This Junior Circle is named after the last Comrade, who gave Five Dollars for Flags.

Major William J. Lowry Circle No. 12 was organized and instituted by Sara Johnson, Past Department President of Pennsylvania with a charter membership of 12 and ince then the number has increased. The Supervisor writes that this Circle is composed of a lively bunch of youngsters and they often teach us a lesson in patriotism. The Past Dept. President, Marion Nicholas was honored by a luncheon given by the John Nevin Juniors and they presented $10.00 to the home at Swissvale.

A group of thirty-five members of Victory Junior Circle was organized in Dubuque by Nellie Tinkham assisted by Mrs. Jennie Royce. Lillian Clark Cary, National Supervisor instituted this Circle and presented several gifts in behalf of members including a Bible, gavel, charter by different members of Shiloh Circle. Sister Nora Milin, President, presented each Junior with a small Flag. Mrs. Caroline Germain and Mrs. Fannie Small, Dept. President, and Junior Supervisor, assisted in the ceremonies.

On Memorial Day, thirty Juniors marched in the parade in Dubuque carrying a white satin banner, presented by Minnie Morton.

Sister Virginia S. Collins, President of Washington Circle, Salt Lake City, Utah organized a Junior Circle assisted by Margaret Fisher, Eva Heiner and Georgia Fulcher. The Circle was instituted by Dept. President Cynthia Howard. Sister Collins writes:

"We put the spirit of patriotism into actual practice in organizing these young people. They have their own National Defense committee and carry on their own affairs under the direction of the Supervisor. We have to keep up a lively interest to meet the requirements for the children of today are up and coming."

The hopes of Sister Eva Murray, President of Eugene Mattison Circle No. 72, Joliet, Illinois, were realized in the organization of Alpha Junior Circle No. 1. Alpha, we all know, means beginning and the members of Mattison Circle thought this would be an appropriate name for the first Junior Circle in Illinois. The activities in which these young people are engaged are so commendable they may well be duplicated by the older sisters.

Just before leaving Dubuque the Department President of Minnesota, Sister Lillian Eckland wrote me that she was proud to announce the first Junior Circle in Minnesota with a group of twenty members. She stated they had elected a brilliant girl for President and they are proud of their Juniors. I hold in my hand a beautiful gift presented to me by Sister Eckland in behalf of her Juniors. My heartfelt thanks go with her to these young folks when she leaves this National Convention. She and Sister Charlotte Stewart are to be congraulated for this service.

Kelly Tibbet Circle of Potters Hill, Rhode Island, is very active and has increased in membership. These children have earned over forty dollars. They sold flags for Memorial Day and earned twenty-five dollars. They gave a flag to the Senior High School, marched in the Memorial Day Parade and helped decorate the graves of the soldiers. Sister Lois Benvie, Supervisor, is to be commended for her outstanding service in this Junior work.

Such a record of patriotic service is inspiring for that is what this work is, a commendable patriotic work. It is something we have wanted throughout the years but somehow we did not succeed until we in one accord, cleared the way and made it possible by an awakening interest. I never knew until I entered this work how Montgomery Ward and Co. and Sears & Roebuck rose to heights through the catalogues and letters by mail, but now I know, for that is the way I have led these workers because I could reach them in person.

But it is also the labor of the Department Presidents, Supervisors in Departments and Circles that have helped to make it a success for they stood at their post and permitted nothing to defeat their purpose. Without this determination I could not have succeeded. Heights seemingly so high were climbed and reached and that proud courageous spirit which is born in us, that unconquerable determination to win, held sway—that spirit of the Old Guard, Grand Army of the Republic to which we are kin.

I stayed at my post, it is true, I have given time, strength and effort to this work and have sent out more than a thousand patriotic pamphlets and have written any number of letters and have been in close contact with Supervisors of the Departments, also in the circles, but my backing as you realize formed the stepping stone to victory.

These children help your Circle in their Junior groups, so, when you go home organize the Junior Circle and you will be amazed at the new lease of life the Junior group will give your Circle. The freshness and beauty of young life will awaken long forgotten hopes, these Juniors will bring back to you the courage and a new desire in the onward march to success you thought you had lost. This has all been proved, it is not a venture. The letters received from these new Junior officers, these boys and girls, gave me a new vision of life and what I might accomplish.

I have cherished the thought that a Divine Hand guides us in this new found labor of love and in this temple of youthful patriotism, years hitherto that have seemed so many, have lessened with our association with youth. Furrows on our brows have given place to smiles and age has faded into the consciousness of a beginning again.

I want to thank all who have assisted me and made these new Circles possible and added members to the old organizations.

I pause now for I want to thank our National President, for she was my guiding spirit. I would like to find some expression prompted by the inner feeling of love and gratitude, but these feelings were never known to find expression on the lips. It was never intended that they should. Silence speaks from the heart the merited praise we cherish. No matter where Sister Ethelyn was located on either coast, among the hills, in the mountains or by the sea there was always the prompt response to my message, so now I just say Ethelyn I thank you, dear, and she understands.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

LILLIAN CLARK CARY,

National Junior Supervisor.

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

My Dear Sister Ethelyn:

I take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for appointing me your National Press Correspondent. I was happy indeed to be a member of your Official family. Circumstances over which I had no control kept me from doing many things I had planned to do.

Regretted very much not being able to attend your Convention and wish to thank Sister Catherine Schroeder, Assistant National Press Correspondent for her splendid help.

Thank you for your words of love and consolation.

Faithfully yours in F. C. and L.,

BERTHA HUNT,
National Press Correspondent.

REPORT OF NATIONAL ASSISTANT PRESS CORRESPONDENT

To the National President Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of the 56th National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sisters:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you my report as National Assistant Press Correspondent.

Sister National President may I again express my apprecation of the honor conferred upon me by this appointment and for the opportunity thus given me of service to you and our order.

I have always considered it one of the greatest privileges of my life to serve our beloved Organization, whether in the work of the Circle, the Department, or the National.

My close association and contact with the Sisters this year has been a source of great joy and pleasure.

On Washington's Birthday, February 22nd, attended program held by all allied Organizations. April 9th, attended National Defense program where all Patriotic Organizations took part, had the pleasure of representing Martha Ball Washington.

On Memorial Sunday morning, Columbia Circle No. 24 of which I am a member attended services with the Grand Army of the Republic.

During the year I have attended many other Patriotic meetings, banquets and receptions which I will not enumerate.

Sister National President, may I again thank you for your splendid letters of encouragement, they certainly were a great help to me.

We had the pleasure of having our beloved National President with us in our Convention held in Hollywood, California.

She endeared herself with each and every Sister with her kindness toward all. To be guided by the spirit of love and fraternalism

is real patriotism and my sweet associations with our Naational President has encircled my life more than words can tell.

Sister Ethelyn it is a pleasure to serve you.

For your loving heart, your smile so sweet,
To be with you was such a treat.
May God bless you, dear, in all you do,
And guide you always the whole world through.

With all good wishes to Sister Ethelyn for a successful and harmonious Convention, I am,

Sincerely your in F. C. and L.,

CATHERINE G. SCHROEDER,
National Acting Press Correspondent.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN NATIONAL WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the 56th National Convention, Ladies of the G. A. R.:

Dear Sisters:

As chairman of the National Ways and Means Committee for the third consecutive year, I herewith submit the following report.

It has not been an easy task to raise funds this year because of the fact that we all, as true Americans, are being called upon to assist in the War effort in every possible way. However, as a loyal member of the Organization and having accepted the appointment, I felt I could do no less than try.

Letters were sent out to each member of the Committee asking for cooperation in the work. I divided up the list of Departments giving each member three or four Departments to contact besides her own. Your chairman contacted the following Departments: New Jersey, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Kansas, Iowa and Oklahoma.

Letters were also sent out to all the Circles in my own Department of New York asking for contributions and most sincerely do I wish to thank all those who responded to my appeal. Most especially do I wish to thank the members of my own Circle, Captain Henry Lomb, No. 75, of Rochester, who once again assisted me so generously in raising money for the Ways and Means Fund.

Sister Sadie Wherly, in spite of a severe illness which greatly handicapped her, has cooperated in every possible way and a few days ago sent in $9.92 contributed by three Michigan Circles.

The following is a complete list of amounts received by the Chairman as of September 8, 1942:

Department of New York—

Capt. Lomb Circle, No. 75, cash donation	$ 5.00
Capt. Lomb Circle, card party	12.00
Capt. Lomb Circle, raffle on pillow cases	16.00
Capt. Lomb Circle, penny-a-day plan	10.58
Capt. Lomb Circle, donation, D. Thon	5.00
Spierre Circle, No. 23	1.00
Schenck Circle, No. 5	2.00

York Circle, No. 91	1.00
Ewing Circle, No. 10	1.00
Wethy-Morris Circle, No. 97	1.00
E. V. Sumner Circle, No. 58	1.00
Lieut. Brady Circle, No. 93	1.00
MacArthur Circle, No. 69	2.00
Auburn Circle, No. 49	1.00
Bingham Circle, No. 79	1.00
Moravia Circle, No. 60	1.00
Getman Circle, No. 76	1.00
Phil Kearny Circle, No. 6	1.00
Sherman Circle, No. 88	1.00
Utica Circle, No. 17	2.00
N. M. Crane Circle, No. 62	1.00
William Glenny Circle, No. 44	1.00
Buffalo Circle, No. 50	1.50
Past Presidents' Club, Circle No. 5	2.00
Ada Collamer	1.00
Elizabeth Brown	1.00
Ruth Petch-Henrietta Bodge	1.00
Etta Larned	1.00
Total for Department of New York	$ 76.08
Department of Michigan, by Sadie Wherly—	
Henry Rowe Circle, No. 8	$ 7.92
Carlisle-Hanley-Bunker Circle, No. 48	1.00
John Lewis Circle	1.00
Department of Illinois	10.00
Department of Kansas	3.00
Department of Rhode Island	2.00
Total amount received by chairman	$101.00

Expense for postage and stationery amounting to $5.50 is cheerfully donated by your chairman. I am hoping that the remaining members of the Committee will have encouraging reports to make at the National Convention.

Again, my sincere thanks to everyone who assisted in the work of the Ways and Means Committee.

Faithfully yours in F., C. and L.,

GERTRUDE M. WALBRIDGE,
Chairman.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT—WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Amount Received previous to Convention	$101.00
Received during Convention:	
Department of Minnesota by Sophia Krusen	19.00
Department of Missouri by Mame Hoellen	10.00
Department of West Virginia by Hattie Martin	7.25
Department of Massachusetts by Mary Porter	1.00
Department of New York, Lincoln Circle No. 2	2.00
Department of New York, Mary Place donation	4.00
Department of Ohio, Hattie Martin	10.00
	$154.25

GERTRUDE M. WALBRIDGE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SHRINE COMMISSION

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President and members of the 56th National Convention:

My dear Sisters:

Today I am permitted to present a report on the work of your National Memorial Shrine Comission, a duty in reality, but for the past four years not allowed.

I hereby accept the privilege with sincere thanks to our National President who seems to appreciate what you, the Delegates, expect when you attend a National Convention, a report of all work of our great Order, and hereby perform my duty.

While it is apparent to all that during this past year the most trying for all, because of the present war, my report of real accomplishments will be brief but I assure you our efforts have not been brief. I wish I might convey to you in words the miles which Sister Worrell, my secretary, has covered day after day to interview members of our Congress in interest of bills. That is an impossible task but well known and understood by me for I have accompanied her on my several visits to Washington.

All opposition I am sorry to report has not come from the Red Tape there encountered, but from officials in our own Order, which has unanimously voted to carry out the resolution adopted at Rochester, N. Y. There is a demand today throughout our country for "Facts" and the "Truth" and I feel and those who have done so much to help, feel, the Facts should be brought to your attention, and the injustice to you who come year after year, at your own expense, returning to your Departments with so little to report as to accomplishments.

This year of 1942 I am happy to say to you I have found real interest in our Memorial Shrine and when the War is over, if we are what we hope to be, a free people, our plans and dreams will become a reality and from personal effort made last year accompanied by one of our splendid workers, Sister Dorsey and supported by Sisters Nellie and Lillie Wall, I feel great help will be ours as a result.

I also wish to say to you all assistance asked of many of our Past National Presidents has been most willingly given and at no expense to our Order. I also realize the disappointments of the year to our National President of today, as I know she had many plans to realize great progress for our "Shrine". But to you I have the honor and great pleasure to report that the Department of California and Nevada at its convention held in Hollywood last May voted to convert the Endowment Fund of $600.00, Six hundred dollars, into War Bonds to be used if and when our Memorial Shrine is built, to endow the seating capacity of our Shrine Auditorium in memory of the "Boys in Blue" who paid the supreme sacrifice to save our Flag and Union, with a proper tablet that all who sit in our shrine may know and realize the gracious and generous act on the part of the Dept. of California and Nevada Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in memory of the Soldiers of the Civil War, who saved our Union.

Financial Report:

Received $10.00 from Sisters Nellie and Lillie Wall.
Promised War Bonds as Endowment Fund for Shrine.

No office expense incurred and my postage is my personal offering.

Submitted in F., C., and L., and Peace,
CLARA N. SAWYER,
Chairman.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL SHRINE COMMISSION

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Oficers and Members of the 56th National Convention, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Dear Sisters:

Since making my last report our country has been thrust into the war and anything not in conection with the war has little attention although that has not retarded my work—I just had to think of some way to connect our bill with the purposes of war, hoping in that way to get it passed by Congress.

Therefore I drafted a bill which Senator Capper is sponsoring, (S.2567) in which the Congress is urged to appropriate funds for the purchase of Temple Heights as a recreation center for Government employees during the war and thereafter as a memorial building site in commemoration of the sacrifices of the defenders of the Union during the Civil War.

At all times when it has been possible I have attended annual Conventions of organizations meeting in Washington and requested the adoption of a resolution in favor of this bill. Several organizations have passed such motions or adopted such resolution—the last one was the Auxiliary to the American Legion of the District of Columbia at their Department Convention the latter part of August.

Senator Capper is anxious to get the bill reported out of the Senate Library Committee, but this will require considerable work on the part of members of our Order. All should be sufficiently interested to contact their Congressman and the two Senators from their State and also get resolutions passed in favor of the Capper bill by every Club and Society in their city and forward copies to Senator Capper.

Hoping to obtain the assistance of Mrs. Roosevelt, I called at the White House and had a very pleasant conference with her for about fifteen minutes. She was neither for or against the purchase of Temple Heights, but wanted to learn just what groups of employees really needed such recreation center. I intend investigating and will make another appointment with her when I have something definite to present.

Sincerely yours in F., C., and L.,
MARGARET H. WORRELL,
Executive Secretary, National Shrine Commission.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

To the National President, Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of the 56th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the G. A. R.:

Greetings:

I desire to thank Sister National President, preliminary to my report, for continuing me in this most important office and to say

it is deeply appreciated. I also want to thank the members of my Committee, Mary Keppen, Ella Berkemeier, May Masecar, Mabel Coffey, Frances Dorsey and Frances Rohrbach, each and every one of them loyal and faithful workers, but owing to the war this year our legislative work was greatly curtailed. However, there is always plenty of work to be done in the city of Washington and your chairman has not been idle. Some may think that legislative work is easy, but let me assure you that it is very arduous and only persons trained in its duties are competent to carry on the work. Fortunately I have had 28 years experience and am able to give our Order the best of service.

In view of the fact that our Widow's Pension Bill (H.R.1091) which passed the House unanimously and is still on the Senate Calendar, but cannot come to a vote because of the objection of Senator Byrd of Virginia, I decided to draft a much shorter bill which Senator Thomas, of Utah introduced (S.2630) and which is now before the Senate Pension Committee for consideration and report. I am hoping to get it passed before the end of this Session. It does seem very unfair for Congress to ignore the poor, old Civil War widows and give pensions to the young World War widows.

In May, 1941, my attention was called to the fact that the two large bronze descriptive tablets formerly in the hall of the Mansion in Arlington National Cemetery, had been removed and never replaced. Thereupon I began an investigation and in reply to a letter, Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson, informed me that the War Department had transferred jurisdiction to the Interior Department to which I wrote. Reply came that said tablets had been removed by the Quartermaster Corps and "we have no record of their whereabouts at the present time."

Thereupon I wrote the Quartermaster General informing him inasmuch as the tablets had been removed from the Lee Mansion by the Quartermaster Corps, United States Army, it was their duty to find them. Maj. Gen. E. B. Gregory replied that "Investigation discloses that the tablets referred to by you have not been disposed of, but are stored in the warehouse in Arlington National Cemetery," and because these tablets "were not in the Mansion" during the occupancy of the Lee family as specified by the law approved March 4, 1925, it was necessary to remove them.

I then requested copies of the inscriptions on these tablets which I received from Maj. Andersen. Thereupon I requested that said tablets be restored since many visitors to Washington should be able to read the important historical information thereon, but was advised that "the officer in charge of the restoration felt that these tablets were not in keeping with a resored ante bellum home, and owing to certain historical inaccuracies, were not suitable for further use as interpretative material for the public." To which I replied that the historical facts had been compiled under direction of the War Department and approved by Hon. Daniel S. Lamont, Secretary of War and asked that the alleged discrepancies or inaccuracies in historical facts be pointed out. Under date of February 16, 1942, I received a long letter from Supt. Irving C. Root, calling attention to certain errors upon which I have not yet been able to complete investigation. The above required almost one year's work.

In the meantime I was endeavoring to get the Postmaster General to issue a Memorial Day Stamp. Upon approval of a resolution presented by the Department of the Potomac, Sister National President, Pearl Cooke, asked me to serve and every year since then (1934) I have endeavored to get action. This year I resolved to fol-

low the Biblical admonition and write the Postmaster General each month thus keeping it immediately before him. We have had considerable correspondence. Excuse after excuse has been made until this last communication states that our request cannot be granted at this time.

This work is so complicated and the duties so many and so varied that only the big things can be mentioned and now we come to the Memorial Day Marble Tablet for which you donated funds at our last Convention.

At that time it was my understanding that the only thing necessary to its placement in the National Arlington Memorial Ampitheater was the acceptance of our gift by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and this was also the understanding of the War Department, but it appears that the matter must come before the Encampment.

This tablet had to be made on a curve to fit the wall and will have to await the time when it can be placed in the spot selected and approved by the Fine Arts Commission. If the Grand Army accepts it will be immediately placed ready for dedication in January.

As you all know I have done a very great deal of work as Executive Secretary of the National Shrine Commission—a short report of which will be made separately.

In closing I wish to say that I had the honor of representing our National President at the Convention of the Department of the Potomac; at the National Convention of the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States of America and at the National Convention of The National Society United States Daughters of 1812, and was very graciously received with compliments to our Order and its National President. Sister Ethelyn, please accept my appreciation for the honors bestowed upon me.

Let us all work for our Order remembering that "the night is coming when man works no more."

Sincerely yours in F., C., and L..
MARGARET HOPKINS WORRELL,
National Legislative Chairman.

RESOLUTION OFFERING GIFT OF MARBLE MEMORIAL TABLET
to the
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

WHEREAS, Gen. John A. Logan, Comander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, by General Order No. 11, designated the 30th day of May, as Memorial Day, and

WHEREAS, the 69th Congress of the United States authorized the placing of a tablet in the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater, Arlington Cemetery, commemorating the designation of May 30, in each year, as Memorial Day, approved June 19, 1926, and

WHEREAS, designs heretofore submitted have not been approved by the Commission of Fine Arts and the Arlington Memorial Ampitheater Commission, and

WHEREAS, a design submitted by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic has been accepted and approved by the Commission of

Fine Arts and the Arlington Memorial Ampitheater Commission and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have had said tablet made and now offer it as a gift of love to the Grand Army of the Republic, praying their acceptance and that the Commander-in-Chief will come to Washington, District of Clumbia, after its installation in the Arlington Memorial Ampitheater and make the dedcation.

Lovingly and Fraternally submitted,
MARGARET H. WORRELL, Chairman,
CLARA N. SAWYER, Past Natl. Pres.,
MARGARET GRANDLE, Past Natl. Pres.,
FRANCES M. KUHNS, Past Natl. Pres.
Committee.

To Margaret Hopkins Worrell, Chairman,
National Legislative Committee,
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sister Margaret:

As a member of your comimttee to which I was appointed by our dear National President Ethelyn P. Smith, I sumbit this report.

This year of war, there has been so much to do and I have taken every opportunity to bring before all the people our legislative work. I have mailed all literature I have received where I thought it would do the most good. I have endeavored to carry out your instructions and enjoyed the privilege of being on your committee and working with you.

In closing I wish to thank our National President for this honor.

Yours in F., C., and L., Liberty and Union now
and forever one and inseparable,
"God Bless America"
MARY KEPPEN

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE CHAIRMAN

To the National President, Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of the 56th Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic I hereby submit the following report:

Dear Sisters:

I was indeed both honored and happy to have been appointed Chairman of the National Defense Committee and at this time wish to express my sincere thanks to our National President for this appointment.

I have had so much illness in my home this past year that it has been difficult to do justice to this important work.

I endeavored to outline a program for the Department Chairmen to follow. This I sent to them and included therein some of the resolutions adopted by the 17th Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense of which our National body is a member. These resolutions are seriously considered and passed upon at the National Conference and are of vital importance to our country and ourselves. After adoption they are sent to the United States Congress. I feel that the Departments, Circles and members should, immediately up-

on receipt of these resolutions, likewise send them to our Congress thus adding great weight, force, and power.

I fully realize that all of our members are taking some part in this gigantic program of National Defense but have had responses from only the following Departments:

Department of California and Nevada—Jessie D. Manus, Chairman.

Number of dollars spent for War Bonds	2000
Number of dollars spent for Stamps	600
Number of dollars given to Red Cross	500
Number of hours spent with Red Cross	1000

Department of Indiana—Ella Almond, Chairman.

Number of War Bonds purchased	630
Number of Defense Stamps purchased	875
Number of dollars spent for Red Cross or other agencies	41
Number of hours spent with Red Cross	45200
Number of garments knitted for Red Cross	134
Number of Blood Donors	1

Department of Rhode Island—Theo. Redfern, Chairman.

Number of dollars spent for War Bonds	100

Members are active in all branches of defense.

Department of Michigan—Geneva Camp, Chairman.

Number of kits packed and given to boys at Camp Custer by John Lewis Circle No. 44	760
Number of dollars given to Red Cross and other agencies	125

Many members doing Red Cross and Civilian Defense Work.

Department of Connecticut—Phoebe Simmons, Chairman.

A desire to work with and for the Ladies of the G. A. R. but there are no Circles there.

Department of Illinois—Florence Onnen, Chairman.

On Friday and Saturday the members of Alton Circle No. 125 sell War Bonds and Stamps. They sold $4500 worth.

Department of Potomac—Emma Hayward, Chairman.

Members devoting many hours to Red Cross Work, buying War Bonds and Stamps and contributing financially to Red Cross.

Department of Kansas—Grace G. Pagett, Chairman.

Members are enrolled in the Red Cross, in Civilian Defense Units and are buying War Bonds and Stamps.

Department of New York—Henrietta Y. Bodge, Chairman.

Number of garments knitted for Red Cross and other agencies	573
Number of hours spent in sewing for Red Cross and other agencies	3445
Number of hours spent in preparing surgical dressings	470
Number of Sisters trained in First Aid and home Nursing	161
Number of hours spent as Nurses' Aid	550
Number of Sisters in Nutrition and Canteen work	22
Number of blood donors	19
Number of Sisters purchasing War Stamps	500

These departments are to be highly commended for their patriotic services, and it has been a pleasure to receive their letters and reports.

I sincerely hope that our organization will continue with this committee. I have long felt that such a vital committee should be included in our organization. National Defense as has been well proven in the past year is more necessary in peace times than in times of war. Had our country's defenses been adequately built up no nation in this entire universe would have dared attack us. Likewise had we been on the alert we would never have tolerated the agents of the enemy within our borders. That breed whose creed is to destroy the sacred principles and ideals of our Constitution, for which our Grand Army of the Republic offered their very lives to save. Therefore let us, their blood kin and true American patriots coordinate our efforts to carry on the mission and the objects of our order, namely to uphold with all our might the Constitution of the United States of America and the preservation of its hig ideals, in effect to maintain a united front for Americanism that this government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

Sincerely yours in F., C., and L.,

FRANCES A. DORSEY,
National Defense Chairman.

REPORT NATIONAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

To Sister Ethelyn P. Smith, National President and Officers and Members of the 56th National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Sister Ethelyn:

I wish to thank you for your kindness in appointing me to the office of National Corresponding Secretary. I have grasped every opportunity to be of service to our Order. Have helped several to secure their eligibility so they could join my Circle or one in their home town. Visited 15 schools, distributed one thousand copies of the Pledge to our Flag and the American Creed. Had the honor of placing the wreath in memory of our departed comrades on Memorial Day. Have helped several organizations purchase flags at a very reasonable rate.

I served as Chairman for our Department Convention which was held in my own home town (Uniontown, Pa.) in June.

Was delighted to have our National President with us for part of the time, also our Commander-in-Chief, George A. Gay and his good wife.

The week following our Convention the Veterans of Foreign Wars held their State Convention in our City and I was proud to extend greetings from our National and Department Presidents. Their President asked me to convey her thanks for your good wishes.

Trusting in God for the Peace of all Nations,

Lovingly yours in F., C., and L.,

MARY F. BARCLAY,
National Corresponding Secretary

REPORT OF NATIONAL ASSISTANT CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

National President, Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of the 56th National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

I am very happy to bring greetings to my National President and dear friend. I am honored to have a place on your staff and was glad to help you in any way I could.

Your Circle, Department, and City are proud of you, Ethelyn.

Lovingly in F., C., and L.,
EMILY DU BOIS
Natl. Asst. Corresponding Secy.

NATIONAL ASSISTANT ORGANIZER

To the National President and Officers of the 56th National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

I want to thank my National President for appointing me on her Staff.

Conditions of our country have made it very hard for an organizer this year. But I have tried to do the best I could and have contacted a number of ladies who are good prospects for the future. Have visited a number of our smaller circles in California and hope I have been of some assistance not only to the circles but to my Department as well.

Arizona would be a splendid field with California. Shall we try again?

Again expressing my thanks I am

Sincerely yours in F., C., and L.,
PERMELIA DAUGHERTY,
National Asst. Organizer.

REPORT ON NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the 56th Annual National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sisters:

It is indeed a very great pleasure to listen to such a splendid report of our National President's activities during the past year and we feel she most ably fulfilled her obligations. We heartily commend all of the splendid things she did for the good and betterment of our Organization.

We appreciate her untiring efforts in our behalf and her loyalty to her sisters endeared her to all.

We commend her earnest endeavor to attend so many Department Conventions.

The sweet manner in which she presided at all functions made our hearts rejoice.

We heartily congratulate you, dear National President upon your splendid year's work.

Sincerely and loyally yours,
CORA ROWLING,
FRANCES M. KUHNS,
LILLIAN CLARK CARY.

COMMITTEE ON SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of the 56th National Convention Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

We, the Committee on the Secretary and Treasurer's Reports have examined the same and found them correct in detail as read to the National Convention.

We also compliment the National Secretary and Treasurer in the manner in which they compiled these reports.

PEARL C. COOKE,
SARAH J. EHRMAN,
JOSEPHINE MAHAR.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDITOR OF BUGLE CALL REPORT

To the National President Ethelyn P. Smith and Officers and Members of the 56th National Convention:

We, your committee appointed to examine and report on the work of the Editor of the Bugle Call's report, desire to state that we have fulfilled our duty and have found that this National convention and our entire Order is deeply indebted to Sister Edwina P. Trigg, for her splendid service as Editor of the Bugle Call; she, with the assistance of the Assistant Editor, Sister Edna Ray, has edited our National Patriotic magazine with skilled mind and generous heart, bringing to us the news of Circles and Departments thruout our Order. By this service, she has kept us in touch with the activities of the National President, Sister Ethelyn P. Smith as she traveled to the various sections of our country keeping alive the interests of our Order. We are indebted to Sister Trigg for binding together two sets of the entire publication of the Bugle Call and for her gift of these to our Order—one set to be kept by the Editor of the Bugle Call, the other set to be preserved by the National Historian in her office. We express the gratitude of our entire Order to Sister Trigg for her valuable service asa Editor of the beloved publication of the Bugle Call. We are proud to have it recognized by the press of our Nation as one of the best patriotic magazines published by any organization.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted in F., C., and L.,

MARGARET GRANDLE, Chairman,
ORPHA WHITAKER,
LILLIAN CLARK CARY,
Committee.

REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP PRIZES

We, the Membership Prize Committee find prizes for the largest number of members goes to Eva Stetzel of Indiana—$5.00. Edna Fitzgerald of Missouri second—$3.00. To I. H. Heaton Circle, Indiana—$5.00. We commend them on their loyal and most patriotic work. Owing to the fact that no Department competed there will be no award.

Sincerely in F., C., and L.,

PEARL COOKE,
LYDIA VASHOLZ,
FRANCES M. KUHNS.

RESOLUTIONS

Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

We, your Committee on Resolutions wish to express our deep and abiding appreciation of the honor bestowed upon us when you placed this important and sacred work in our hands. Permit us also to state that it is with a feeling of love and loyalty to our beloved chairman, Sister Clara N. Sawyer, that we submit the following for your approval.

WHERAS: We have again enjoyed the fine spirit of friendship and hospitality of the citizens of the entire State of Indiana as well as the city of Indianapolis, and

WHERAS: We deeply appreciate the civic welcome extended to the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied orders, under present conditions, and

WHEREAS: We realize this is an opportune time to strengthen the bonds of loyalty and understanding throughout our entire Sisterhood, and

WHEREAS: All clear thinking men and women of today realize the great need of a new awakening and a clearer understanding of the Divine principle of the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man," and that truly "We are all members one of another", Therefore

I. BE IT RESOLVED THAT—we express our appreciation of the untiring efforts of our National Counselor, Sister Nellie K. Stammel in securing the invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied orders to hold another encampment in the beautiful city of Indianapolis, and

II. To Gov. Henry F. Schricker for his presence at the Semi-official meeting and for the reception held at the State House,

III. To Brigadier General Frank T. Hines for his stirring address delivered at the Camp Fire and to Congressman Louis Ludlow for his address and for his influence in making the encampment one long to be remembered because of the many courtesies extended to us, to Mayor Sullivan, his Convention Bureau, and the citizen's committee, we are indeed grateful for the many plans made for our entertainment.

IV. To Mr. Paul Walk, Manager of Lincoln Hotel, for many accommodations and special favors shown us,

V. To the Betsy Ross club for the beautiful Flags given to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and to the Dept. of West Va. for the Memorial Flag given in memory of Past National President Wynnye G. Williamson,

VI. To the press of the city and Sister Catherine Schroeder, we acknowledge our indebtedness for the splendid reports given, placing the work of our Order before the public in a pleasing manner,

VII. To our national president and her staff for the faithful work performed which adds another to the many fruitful years preceding,

VIII. To our National Sen. Vice Pres. Sister Eunice Rash for the gracious manner in which she presided during the absence of our National President on official business,

IX. To our National Chaplain Sister Arada Doughty for the beautiful and impressive memorial ceremony, paying our last tribute of love and respect to our Sisters who had passed away during the year,

X. To our beloved soloist Sister Marie Harkins for appropriate songs so beautifully rendered and in which she was ably accompanied by Sister Myra Montross,

XI. To Sister Frances Kuhns for the beautiful manner in which she presided over our "Mothers and Fathers Banquet" and for the many courtesies she so graciously extended to us,

XII. To the entire Dept. of Indiana for the wonderful "Delegates Luncheon" enjoyed by all delegates and to the T. W. Bennett circle of Indianapolis for ritualistic work.

XIII. To our National Junior Supervisor, Lillian Clark Cary, for a fine report of her year's work among the young people—seeking to instill into the receptive minds of the youth of our land the underlying principles of true manhood and womanhood, that disloyalty to their associates stands condemned in the sight of God and man, while loyalty to each other—Truth, justice and right stands forever extolled. Into the lives of these young people she seeks to translate these basic truths into practical realities and thereby create a citizenry which will insure our U. S. A. an ability to play its full and essential part in the creation and maintainance of a moral way of international living, under the above named principle of the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

XIV. To the United States Marine Band for the beautiful music with which they entertained us on many occasions. Their music was inspiring and added much to our Convention.

XV. To all others who in any way added to the work of our convention in an effort to lift the general morale of our beloved Order to a higher plane, you are richly rewarded in the knowledge that you have been helpful, knowing in your hearts that the law of Karma operates today as truly as when written by Divine inspiration.

Lovingly submitted in F., C., and L.,

CLARA N. SAWYER, Chairman,
(by Cassea H. Orsborn)
ROSETTA SEARCY,
EDITH KOENIG.

MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Indianapolis, Ind.,
September 13, 1942.

The Advisory Council met in the Italian Room, Lincoln Hotel, September 13th at ten o'clock at the call of the National President, Ethelyn P. Smith with the following members present:

Ethelyn P. Smith	National President
Eunice Rash	National Sr. Vice President
Gladys W. Newton	National Treasurer
Lydia Vasholz	National Secretary
Marie J. Buhler	National Patriotic Instructor
Lillie Wall	National Registrar
Bessie Hart	Council of Administration
Ida Wright	Council of Administration
Mary I. Nickerson	Council of Administration
Edwina P. Trigg	Editor Bugle Call

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Clara N. Sawyer	1907	Josephine Mahar	1932
Lydia Manson	1925	Sarah J. Ehrman	1933
Cassea H. Orsborn	1928	Pearl C. Cooke	1934
Cora Rowling	1929	Frances M. Kuhns	1936

The meeting opened with a prayer by Past National President, Cassea H. Orsborn.

The National President welcomed the Council and opened the meeting for business.

The following recommendations and questions for decision were presented and acted upon by the Advisory Council and sustained by the convention:

Recommendations of the National President.

1. Concerning the Memorial Tablet for which $136.00 was raised at the 1941 Convention at Columbus, Ohio. This tablet designated May 30th as Memorial Day, the time set aside in General John A. Logan's Order No. 11. By act of Congress years ago the Grand Army was granted a space in Arlington Cemetery to place a memorial. Investigation shows that the Grand Army **only** has authority to do this, and that they wish the whole General Order placed there. This year a resolution was presented to the Grand Army asking permission to place our Memorial in that space.

Moved by Sarah Ehrmann and seconded by Frances M. Kuhns that we pay the balance due on the bronze tablet already purchased and if unable to place this Memorial in Arlington Cemetery, select some other historical place and that we abide by the final decision of the Grand Army of the Republic. Carried.

Council sustained.

2. That hereafter the General Orders be printed in the Bugle Call; thereby saving on printing and postage both to Department and National.

Moved by Cassea H. Orsborn and seconded by Eunice Rash that General Orders be printed as usual. Motion carried.

Convention adopts recommendation. Council not sustained.

3. That a certain sum, amount to be decided, be given National Junior Supervisor to carry on her work. This is a most important work in our Order, but must have some finances.

Moved by Edwina Trigg and seconded by Cora Rowling that the expense account of the National Junior Supervisor not exceed thirty-five dollars. Motion carried.

Council sustained.

4. That the National Organization of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic recommend that Flags presented by our organization not have yellow fringe, as it adds nothing to the flag.

Council decides National President be sustained.

Council sustained.

5. That Chapter 5, Article 2, Section 2, Page 36, Rules and Regulations be revised to read National Advisory Council instead of Council of Administration and that National Revision Committee revise the rules and regulations for Departments to conform.

Council decides to adopt this recommendation.

Council sustained.

6. That all patriotic and legislative literature should first have the approval of the National President before being sent out.

Moved by Cora Rowling and seconded by Orpha Whitaker that we adopt this recommendation. Carried.

Council sustained.

7. That no National Officer hold an elective and appointive office at the same time.

Moved by Cassea Orsborn, seconded by Cora Rowling that we adopt this recommendation. Carried. Council sustained.

8. That we again give Love Gift to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Moved by Edwina Trigg and seconded by Margaret Grandle that we again give the $1000.00 Love Gift to the Grand Army. Council decides that the National President present this gift.

9. Recommended that we invest the Eight hundred and ten dollars ($810.00) in the Shrine Fund in War Bonds.

Moved by Clara N. Sawyer and seconded by Cassea Orsborn that we adopt this recommendation. Carried.

Council sustained.

Recommendations of Officers

1. **National Chaplain:**

There is much confusion in reports due to the fact that Circle report cards differ from the Department report blanks, several Departments have written regarding this. Therefore I recommend that report blanks from Circle and Department be uniform.

Moved by Gladys Newton, seconded by Sarah Ehrman that this be done. Council decides this be referred to Revision committee.

Council sustained.

2. **National Historian:**

That the Historian in Circles, Department and National may be elected consecutively to serve 5 years or more; and that this officer is not required to be a past Circle, Department or National President. Moved by Edwina Trigg and seconded by Clara Sawyer that this recommendation be adopted and referred to the revision committee.

Council sustained.

Idaho

Resolution No. 1.

Whereas: We face conditions in our country and in the National Organization which call for the strictest economy and,

Whereas: Certain elective officers of the National Body now receive traveling expense as well as salary, therefore be it

Resolved: that we petition our National Body to discontinue traveling expense to the National Registrar, the National Treasurer, National Secretary and Editor of the Bugle Call for the duration of the present war.

Moved by Cassea Orsborn and seconded by Clara Sawyer that we adopt this resolution. Motion lost.

Council decides that National Registrar receives no traveling expense or salary and that the provisions for expense of National Treasurer, Secretary and Editor of Bugle Call remain the same.

Council sustained.

Resolution No. 2.

Whereas: Time is the essence during the present emergency and whereas Advisory council meetings are now closed to all but Past Presidents, elective officers and secretaries and,

Whereas: considerable time to be saved in final discussions if all members were admitted to the Advisory Council but were denied voice in the deliberations, therefore be it

Resolved: That we petition our National Body to admit all members attending the convention to the Advisory Council meetings, so that they would have a clear understanding of all questions to come before them for final decision.

Council decides that it is not advisable and that Rules and Regulations remain the same. Council sustained.

Resolution No. 3.

Whereas: We face conditions in our Country today calling for united action and sacrifice, that the present war may speedily be won and peace be restored to all the World and,

Whereas: Citizens are called upon to lend all possible aid financially and by willing sacrifice and our Order should comply in every way, therefore be it

Resolved: That we eliminate all special assessments except the G. A. R. Fund, heretofore required of our members and in every way possible curtail expense in operation during the duration of this war and render all possible aid to the Government, our blood kin paid the supreme price to preserve.

Council decides that the only special fund is the Bugle Call Fund and that it be continued. Council sustained.

Resolution No. 4.

Whereas: The Department of Idaho stands pledged to our Department Commander that every member will report 100% in National Defense Work and,

Whereas: We find it difficult to finance the work of our Circles and Departments and still meet out quota as pledged, and

Whereas: We feel the tax we are now paying for the support of the Bugle Call could be used to far better advantage during this emergency, and,

Whereas: We realize the amount is small when considered from an individual standpoint, but that in the aggregate it is a sum too large to be used on non essentials, therefore be it

Resolved: That the Department of Idaho petition the National Body to suspend the publication of the Bugle Call for the duration; feeling that it is not only a patriotic duty on the part of the National Organization. to relieve the individual members of this assessment, but that it is in keeping with every movement toward winning the war.

Moved by Cassea Orsborn and seconded by Clara Sawyer that we discontinue the Publication of the Bugle Call for the Duration. Motion lost. Council sustained.

Resolution No. 5.

Whereas: Circle report blanks at present differ from Department blanks and,

Whereas: This causes considerable confusion when reports from Department to National are made, therefore be it

Resolved: That we petition the National Body to make corresponding report blanks requiring the same information from Circle and Department.

Moved by Gladys Newton and seconded by Sarah Ehrman that Circle and Department blanks be made to conform and that this be referred to National Revision Committee. Council sustained.

Oregon

1. Resolution that ruling be made that all honor be shown the National President, or her representative, Department President and Counselor sit by side of President at all times during the convention or exemplification of the ritual.

Council decides this is a question of courtesy only and referred it back to the Department.

2. That Department Presidents should not hold any other office.

Council refers this back to Department. Council sustained.

California and Nevada

1. That Department petition National Body that Patriotic Instructor be appointed to read "Good and Welfare" at Circle Meetings.

Council decides the opening Flag service shall be in turn: Pledge to the Flag; Song "Guard the Flag", Flag is placed. Then while officers are still at the altar, "American Creed" and "Good and Welfare" is given, led by the Patriotic Instructor.

Council sustained.

2. Same as Resolution No. 3 from Idaho.

Council decides that this is answered in decision No. 3 Idaho.

3. Whereas: For many years our order has published a paper known as the "Bugle Call" and supported largely by subscriptions from our members for many years, and

Whereas: Such publications have never been self-supporting and at the present time, due to the demands of our government for conservation of paper, so necessary for war use, and whereas: the National Government has deemed necessary the discontinuance of Bureaus and salaries for the duration.

Therefore be it resolved that Col. J. M. Howard Circle No. 60 of San Diego, California, in regular session assembled this sixth day of May, do hereby petition our Department and National Conventions to suspend publication of the said Bugle Call, for the duration, considering such act as part of our Order not only patriotic but in support of the wishes of our government. That the further consideration be deferred until such time as Peace is restored to the world.

Council decides this question is answered in Decision No. 3 Idaho.

Council sustained.

West Virginia

The West Virginia Department Convention went on record as opposed to the Past Naational Presidents receiving a salary of Twenty-five dollars a year, realizing they should not be paid for past honors. Subject to the Advisory Council and National Body at the 56th Convention.

Lucy Price, Retiring Dept. Pres.;
Hattie Martin, Retiring Sec'y.

Council decides that since the Past National Presidents do not receive a salary, that the amount of their expenses remain the same. (It has been customary since the decision of the 52nd National Convention, 1938 for Past National Presidents attending Convention to receive $25.00). Council sustained.

Rhode Island

To the National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

1. The Dept. of Rhode Island submits the following question:

Why isn't the Council of Administration installed?

Council decides that the Council of Administration functions as a committee and therefor is not installed. Council sustained.

2. Question was asked: If member attends Memorial service with another Patriotic group and in another church, is she counted in report of our organization?

National President decides we count only those attending service with us. Council decides National President be sustained. Council sustained.

Kansas

1. That the Opening Flag Service be restored to its former ceremony thus honoring the Flag in its entirety. The American Creed to follow the Pledge of Allegiance, then the song "Guard the Flag," before it is placed in position. Then the President says, "Conductors, Color Guards and Patriotic Instructor will resume their Stations."

Moved by Marie Buhler and seconded by Cassea Orsborn that Ritual remain the same. Council sustained.

Missouri

The following resolutions were adopted at the Missouri Dept. Convention May 4, 1942 to be presented at the National Convention.

1. Whereas: there has been some confusion as to when funds should be paid. Therefore we recommend to the National Body that the Per Capita Tax be ten cents a quarter per member from all Departments, payable September 30th, December 31st, March 31st, and June 30th., to be distributed as follows:

General Fund—4 cents;
Bugle Call—5 cents;
G A R Fund—1 cent.

Moved by Margaret Grandle, seconded by Josephine Mahar to adopt this resolution. Motion lost. Council not sustained.

1. To clarify the above action a motion was made by Henrietta Bodge, Department President of New York and seconded by several that hereafter the Per Capita Tax from Department to National be Ten cents per member, per quarter; four cents for General Fund, Five cents for Bugle Call Fund and One cent for G.A.R. Fund. Carried by a rising vote.

2. Whereas: Members being reinstated are not required to take the Obligation, therefore we recommend that reinstated members be required to take the obligation the same as transfer members and that the revision committee make this change.

Council decides the recommendation be adopted and Rules and Regulations, Chapter II, Article XII., Section 4 be revised to read "A member reinstated must be reobligated, and introduced in the regular manner." This was moved by Margaret Grandle and seconded by Sarah Ehrman. Council sustained.

Ohio

In Department Convention assembled the following resolutions were adopted to be forwarded to the National Organization:

I. In as much as we are a patriotic organization and should cooperate in every way possible with our government especially in the conservation of paper and extravagant spending of money.

Therefore be it resolved: That we discontinue the publication of the Bugle Call (our official paper) for the duration of the war, inasmuch as paper is essential for the manufacturing of shell cartridges, etc., and whereas the securing of National Advertising has not been successfully worked out, and there being so much dis-

satisfaction regarding the assessment of five cents per member for the Bugle Call and one cent per member for the G A R funds, these assessments being paid mostly by Circles and not by each member. This money should be used by Circles for Defense Bonds or Stamps. Therefore be it resolved these assessments also be discontinued for the duration of the War.

Council decided this was answered by decision No. 3 Idaho.

Council sustained.

II. Resolved: that the National law regarding the admission of children to circle meetings be changed to read "Children under 3 years of age be admitted when accompanied by parents or guardian but not between the ages of three and twelve." This being the specified age of admission to membership.

Council decides Rules and Regulations remain the same. (Chapter II, Article VI, Section 5, Page 10).

Council sustained.

III. Resolved; that relief other than money be stricken from the quarterly reports, we have found this to be greatly overestimated.

Council decides Report Blanks remain the same.

Council sustained.

Kentucky No. 2

I. We petition the National Body to continue the Budget plan and that it be given a fair trial.

Council decides we do not operate under a budget plan.

Council sustained.

II. Resolved that the Dept. of Kentucky protests against the payment of any expense of Past National Presidents. We believe that while she is in the chair she should be given funds for all expenses but when she retires, no further expense should be paid by National.

This was answered in West Virginia decision. Council sustained.

Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Department wishes information in regard to Section 1 of Article 7 on Page 10 of Rules and Regulations:

When the Pledge of Allegiance is given in public at the words, "I pledge Allegiance" place the right hand over the heart, at the words "To the Flag" extend the palm upward toward the Flag, etc. Our Circle room is not a public place, why therefore, should we not salute the Flag and give our pledge of allegiance by bringing the right hand to the forehead, finger touching the eyebrow and at the words "to the Flag," extend the hand to the flag with the palm upward. The question seems to be the word "public" meaning open to all the people at large, etc.

Council decides that this section referred to in Rules and Regulations pertains to the pledge given in public. But when meeting in circle room the Military salute shall be given. Council sustained.

Department of New York

We, the Department of New York, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in Convention assembled at Utica, New York, June 1942 do hereby request the National Body to clarify the decision made at the 55th National Convention, under Question I. of recommendations and decisions of the National President, referring to the order the stations are passed as the Flag is carried into the room, as many meeting rooms will not permit the order as named in the decision. We believe it would clarify this matter to insert the words, "Keeping to the right side" after the words "making circuit of altar" as contained in instructions to the Conductor and color guards on page 10 of the Ritual.

Council decides all officers stations must be passed keeping altar to the right. Moved by Edwina Trigg and seconded by Clara Sawyer this recommendation be adopted and stickers for ritual be printed. Council sustained.

Indiana

The Dept. of Indiana recommends that we restore the opening flag service to its former opening.

1. Council decides that this was answered in California and Nevada decision No. 1. Council sustained.

2. Ask ruling preventing member from transferring from one Circle to another when there is more than one Circle in the town.

Council decides this is not advisable. Council sustained.

Colorado

We twirl the flags just before closing while we sing "God Bless America". Are we doing wrong?

National President decides Flag must be retired.

Council sustains National President's decision and refers Dept. to the Ritual. Council sustained.

Department of Potomac

RESOLUTION AGAINST SACRIFICING HISTORICAL STATUES

Whereas, it has been proposed to scrap all bronze statutes in the city of Washington and elsewhere, and

Whereas, it is stated that "it would be logical to surrender first, to possible war necessity, statues of Civil War generals which have no artistic merit and no tangible values", and

Whereas, the citizens of this country would like to know WHO is to pass upon the artistic merit of said statues, which artists of passed generations have already passed upon, and after the war will some monstrosity by a modernistic artist replace them? and

Whereas, said statues were erected to preserve the history of the United States and if destroyed cannot and will not be replaced, and

Whereas, we are followers in the footsteps of those pioneers of the American Revolution and the Civil War who gave their lives to preserve our liberties which each and everyone of us are willing to do should the necessity arise, now, therefore—

Be it resolved: by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in Annual Convention assembled this 17th day of September, 1942, that we go on record against the sacrifice of any statues in the City of Washington or elsewhere until all bronze doors in all public buildings and all other metal has been collected and melted down in the cause of this war and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs of both the Senate, and House and to the Press.

Resolution submitted to the National Organization by the Dept. of the Potomac, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mary H. Fortier, Dept. President,
Margaret Hopkins Worrell, Chairman.

Attest: Celia L. Freund, Dept. Secretary.

Moved by Marie Buhler and seconded by several that this resolution be adopted. Council sustained.

The Department of Justice has linked the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, along with twenty-eight Patriotic Organizations with an indictment that we as a patriotic organization were not being loyal to our Country. We are shocked by this news as published in various newspapers throughout the United States.

Moved by Sarah Ehrman and seconded by Orpha Whitaker that a telegram of thanks be sent to Senator Robert Taft, of Ohio for his loyalty in defending the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Also that we as a Patriotic Organization are standing behind the President of the United States in all War efforts. Carried. Council sustained.

Moved by Cassea Orsborn and seconded by Cora Rowling that we turn this over to a resolution committee headed by Clara Sawyer, Margaret Grandle and Frances M. Kuhns. Carried. Council sustained.

Moved by Sarah Ehrmann and seconded by Marie Buhler that we as Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic help the American Coalition, who it seems has been financed by Mr. Trevor, and now that he feels he is unable to do this longer, that we give Twenty-five dollars toward the expense of the American Coalition. Carried. Council sustained.

That we fight "The Fifth Column" with the fifth stanza of "The Star Spangled Banner" and advise that all five stanzas of our National Anthem be sung. Council sustained.

Bill presented from Margaret Worrell for $34.50 consisting of postage and transportation to and from the Capitol.

Moved by Cassea Orsborn and seconded by Cora Rowling to allow the sum of Fifteen dollars and fifty cents as she had already had $10.00 for postage. And in the future to allow Twenty-five dollars for the combined expense of the two offices, Chairman of Legislative Committee and Secretary of the Shrine Commission. And the National President to so notify her. Carried.

Moved by Gladys Newton and seconded by Lillie Wall that the expense of the Secretary of the Shrine commission be left to the discretion of the Chairman of the Shrine Commission. Carried. Council sustained.

Marie Buhler offered a gift to the National Body, the sum of Thirty dollars from the Past Presidents' Association of New York, for Patriotic work. It was moved by Josephine Mahar and seconded by several that we accept this most gracious gift with thanks. Carried. Council sustained.

The National President made a report on her investigation of the Department of Florida and reported that she had issued a Charter to a new Circle subject to the desires of the Council and the Convention. National President's action was approved and after some discussion it was moved by Frances Kuhns and seconded by Clara Sawyer that the new Circle, organized in April, go into the Department of Florida. Carried. Council sustained.

Discussion of the Department of Connecticut, who wished to disband but Charter had not been turned in. One Circle wishes to continue and come under National Jurisdiction.

Council decides that new National President visit the Department of Connecticut at her earliest convenience and see what can be done. Council sustained.

The National President stated that there were a number of questions and resolutions still to be considered, but as the hour was late and there was no time for further meetings, asked what should be done with these questions.

It was moved by Edwina Trigg and seconded by Clara Sawyer that we dispense with the rest of the resolutions and questions. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Clara Sawyer, seconded by Orpha Whitaker. Carried.

LYDIA VASHOLZ,
National Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Joint Advisory Council was held in Headquarters Rooms, Williamsburg Suite, Hotel Lincoln, Indianapolis, Friday morning.

Roll Call found the following Officers and Past National Presidents present:

1941-42	
Ethelyn P. Smith	National President
Eunice Rash	National Sr. Vice President
Gladys W. Newton	National Treasurer
Lydia Vasholz	National Secretary
Marie J. Buhler	National Patriotic Instructor
Margaret Grandle	National Historian
Bessie Hart	Council of Administration
Ida Wright	Council of Administration
Mary I. Nickerson	Council of Administration
Edwina P. Trigg	Editor Bugle Call
1942-43	
Mary F. Barclay	National Treasurer
Bertha Hodgkinson	National Patriotic Instructor
Theo Redfern	Council of Administration
Irene Patterson	Council of Administration

Past National Presidents: Clara N. Sawyer, Lillian Clark Cary, Cassea H. Orsborn, Cora M. Rowling, Josephine Mahar, Sarah J Ehrman, Frances M. Kuhns, Nellie K. Stammel.

I. Minutes of the last session of the convention were read and approved.

II. Margaret Worrell was called in for an explanation of her work and expense as Legislative Chairman. Moved by Cassea H. Orsborn and seconded by Margaret Grandle that we pay Sister Worrell's bill in full. Carried.

Moved by Cassea Orsborn and seconded by Eunice Rash that we allow $100.00; $50.00 for expense of Legislative Chairman and $50.00 for Executive Secretary of the Memorial Shrine, and that each of these chairmen consult the National President in regard to sending out any literature. Carried.

III. Moved by Margaret Grandle and seconded by Cassea H. Orsborn that the Assistant Secretary be allowed to sit in Council meetings to assist the Secretary only.

That the above named actions be subject to the will of the next National Convention.

One hundred and twenty-five dollars and seventy-five cents ($125.75) was realized from sale of mottoes by Ways and Means Committee.

IV. Moved by Margaret Grandle and seconded by Lillian Cary that all Convention bills be allowed. Carried.

V. Moved by Edwina Trigg and seconded by Josephine Mahar that stickers for all changes in Ritual and Rules and Regulations be made. Carried.

VI. National President Gladys W. Newton declared the Council adjourned.

LYDIA VASHOLZ,
National Secretary.

TRIBUTE TO OUR PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

By Lillian Clark Cary

They're coming again, these workers, all dressed up as of yore,
They have a thousand things to do, a thousand yet in store.
They will come to the convention, for some its fifty-two,
Throughout the years of yesterday they paved the way for you.

There are many golden stars in the little yellow book,
In which to find our own fair names we often take a look.
These golden stars, Life's treasured path that form a Heavenly guide,
They shine for those beloved ones who are still by our side.

For never in the present or long years that lie before
Will we ever say "departed" to those dear friends of yore.
And so they come the loved ones here, to each convention still
Their presence gives the younger ones an everlasting thrill.

They say "I hope to be a President as fine as these,"
And give their secretary's hand a firm and loving squeeze.
They look to these presidents for rules to be obeyed
So when they climb the ladder they will not be dismayed.

They've heard it said these many years and know that it is meant
What strange conventions these would be without our Presidents.
They add a glamour, inspiration, happy love-lit scene—
They reign with love, these stately, noble, Presidential queens.

But anyone would think as they march 'round in two by two
That they were only twenty-one and not a thing to do.
But watch them in the council room at morning hour of four,
You'll think they surely had a hundred things to do before.

They finally agree to go and take a little rest
For on the morrow they must smile and look their Sunday best.
What a long line of heroines they all do represent;
Like the famous Capital Hill—the line of Presidents.

They take our Circle troubles to their hearts and vainly try
To do right by all concerned and not pass a question by
That means a help or courage to every doubting soul
They work and plan to see that all are on the honor roll.

Their loyalty, their courage and their eagerness to serve
You'd never think the hours they keep they ever had a nerve
They can be children, sing and dance and find a lot of play
At their own banquets where they take the role of yesterday.

Their country calls and each responds in every loyal way
They're soldiers in the fighting sense—WAVES and WAACS of their day
Some of them are pioneers and built our Order too,
Until it stands a monument in hearts so brave and true.

Although they are Presidents with badge of shining gold,
They look to us to keep the sheep within the Circle fold.
They look to us as Circle Guides to keep the Order right,
We are their soldiers in the day and long watch of the night.

They give each one credit and all the praise that is her due,
These faithful royal queens that mean so much to me and you.
May God's richest blessings be showered upon each one, until
He calls them to His Circle, their missions all fulfilled.

Reports of Departments

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the Fifty-Sixth Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

To bring greetings to you, my National President, from the Mother State of our Order, is a great honor and a happy privilege.

Our Department Convention was held in Atlantic City, June 18-20 at which time I was unanimously elected President and was duly installed by Past National President, Sister Orpha M. Whitaker.

New Jersey has twenty-one Circles. All have fittingly observed Memorial Day and all Patriotic holidays.

Upon my return from this Convention I will visit each Circle and am looking forward to this.

To you, Sister Smith and your staff of officers, I wish a pleasant and happy Convention.

To your successor our new National President and her staff my Department pledges loyalty and support.

Sincerely in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
JENNIE A. RICHARDS,
Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh, Pa.

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President; Officers and Members of Fifty-Sixth National Convention:

Dear Sisters:

We the Sisters of this great State of Pennsylvania deem it a great honor and privilege to extend to you our loving greetings for a pleasant and constructive Convention.

At our Convention held in Uniontown, I was greatly honored by being elected President, and was duly installed by our beloved Past Department President, Sister May B. Slattery.

We the Sisters of Pennsylvania were sorry Sister Ethelyn Smith was unable to be with us during our sessions of our convention.

We were also sorry that Sister Frances Kuhns was unable to be with us due to her duties at our beloved home at Hawkins Station.

Our convention was a grand one with a large attendance, as usual. Our Patriotic Instructor, Sara B. Drawbaugh presented a Portrait of Abraham Lincoln to a High School in Uniontown, Pa.

The Christian Flag and an American Flag was presented to the church in which we held our convention sessions. It was very graciously accepted by the Pastor of the church.

We are proud of our two homes in Pennsylvania: one at Hawkins Station, Swissvale, Pa., where Sister Frances Kuhns, our Past National President, is superintendent. This is controlled directly by the Department of Pennsylvania, and is the largest home in any

state. The other home is located in Philadelphia. We invite our friends to visit these homes and see the work Pennsylvania is doing. We have a great responsibility as Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is my earnest desire to visit each circle in the state, and increase the interest and finances of our beloved Order.

To our newly elected President and officers of the National Body we pledge our loyal support and our love for our beloved Order.

With best wishes to our National President, Sister Ethelyn P. Smith, and her Official Family,

Lovingly yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
MARIE L. HARKINS,
Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

To Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Officers and Members of the Fifty-Sixth Convention:

Greetings:

It is with a great deal of pleasure, I bring to you and the National organization the greetings of the Department of California and Nevada. The delight in having our National President, Ethelyn P. Smith at our Department Convention in Hollywood, was indeed a fitting climax of my year as the Department President.

In traveling through the Department on inspections and official visits, I found all circles working for increase in membership, and taking part as organizations and individuals in the interests in their special districts. The reports of the Americanization chairmen appointed in the Northern and Southern part of our Department, brought gratifying reports of splendid work being accomplished, and many worthwhile events in the forming, all interested in the purchase of Bonds and Stamps, and in every way being the true patriots of the "Boys who wore the Blue".

We are proud of the work that has been accomplished in the building and maintaining of our Cottages at West Los Angeles, where a Home in every sense of the word is maintained for our membership. Too much credit cannot be given to the members of our organization who had the vision to see this particular need, and laid the foundation for the group of lovely homes we have for our own.

The work of the Patriotic Instructor and her assistants has been maintained as in the past, presenting the Flag of our Country to especially the Girl and Boy Scouts. Reports of Circles showing that the Patriotic Days honoring our "Heroes" have been observed. Altogether a membership that is alive to the splendid heritage that is ours.

With personal good wishes to all, I am,

Sisterly yours in F. C. and L.,

NETTIE P. SHERRED,
Dept. Pres.

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

Freeport, Illinois

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention:

I am very proud and happy to have the pleasure of bringing to you the greetings of the Department of Illinois. Deeply appreciative of the honor conferred upon me and my Circle when, at the Department Convention held in Springfield June 9-10-11, 1942, I was elected Department President and installed by our National President.

We were very happy to have our National President, Ethelyn P. Smith with us during the last two days of our Convention. Her advice and inspiring talks were enjoyed and appreciated.

There were many fine reports of patriotic and relief work being done by various Circles. A gain in membership was also reported.

The Department awarded a Five Dollar prize to Elizabeth Weiderhold Circle for the greater gain in members also a prize of two dollars to Harriet Nichol of the same Circle for bringing in the most members.

Patriotic Instructor, Clema Kauffman awarded a prize of Five dollars to F. C. Miller Circle No. 58 for doing the most Patriotic work. Also presented a large bronze plaque to the Springfield High School as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic. This plaque was of Abraham Lincoln, with the Gettysburg Address.

July 12th in behalf of the Department it was my pleasure to present a beautiful silk flag to Mr. Maurer, President of beautiful Arlington Cemetery at Elmhurst, Illinois, where the Ladies of the Grand Army are the proud owners of a large plot of ground with a beautiful monument, a lasting Memorial to our beloved Order.

We are saddened by the death of several of our most faithful members, among them being Past Department President Nettie Reuter. I assisted in the burial service together with members of the Circle and a fine tribute was read by Past Department President Lura Frye, written by Sister Ida E. Wright, who owing to illness was unable to attend.

I regret very much the loss of one of our oldest circles, George H. Thomas Circle No. 1 of Chicago.

I am happy to report another Junior Circle about completed and prospects for a new Circle most gratifying.

I am looking forward with keen pleasure to visiting and meeting the members of various circles of my Department and sincerely hope with the cooperation of my officers and members to accomplish something for the advancement of our beloved Order.

To you Sister Smith our best wishes are yours for a most happy and successful convention and to the incoming Officers we pledge our support.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

CLEMA KAUFFMAN,

Department President Illinois.

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

Ethelyn P. Smith, National President; Officers and Members of the 56th National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

It is a pleasure indeed, to bring greetings from the Department of Kansas.

When we met in Department Convention, May 3-7, in Dodge City, Kansas, the Hostess City was still emerging from flood waters only to be hit a week later by a cyclone. In spite of this, the Grand Army of the Republic and the Allied Orders were cordially welcomed and all possible was done to aid in promoting a successful Convention.

The National Body was represented by Sister Eunice Rash of Thayer, Kansas, National Senior Vice President.

On May 9, 1942 a letter was received at this office from Gov. Payne Ratner asking the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to participate in the observance of "I Am an American" day, May 17, in compliance with the President's proclamation. A personal letter containing the Governor's message, and statement, that the local Defense Councils and Mayors were being asked to aid in this was sent to all Circle Presidents in Kansas within twenty-four hours. Most Circles reported action taken and some sent programs held.

At present we have two Districts that hold group meetings in April and October, the South-Eastern and the North-Western. In the near future I hope the Central group will be organized, and so, include more Circles in these meetings. Many who cannot attend the Department Convention do attend these, and they have a distinct influence in promoting interest in the work and good fellowship among the members.

Kansas has always been, or tried to be prompt in meeting her assessments and is working toward 100% in all reports.

On Aug. 22, 1942 a letter was sent to each Circle requesting them to send correct mailing list to Edwina P. Trigg, Editor of The Bugle Call and a copy to myself. To date 27 Circles have responded and 1,089 names and addresses have been received.

We, with some of the other Departments, are finding things a little more difficult in this year of turmoil and heartily endorse economy measures that do not decrease the high standard of the work of our order.

To the retiring officers may we say "Congratulations for work well done and so willingly extended", and to the incoming officers who will serve us in '43, "congratulations and best wishes for a successful and harmonious administration."

Kansas stands ever ready to do all in her power to aid and advance the interest of our Grand Order. She gave to the cause of the Union in the great Civil War struggle, more soldiers proportionately to her population than any other state, and now, in this crisis hour, presents one of her fair daughters, Sister Eunice Rash, for the national leadership of our beloved Order.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

PAULINE NAYLOR,

Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

To the National President, Officers and Members of the 56th National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

It is with great pleasure, I bring the greetings from the Department of Ohio.

At our convention, held in Columbus last June, I was elected Department President and installed by our Sadie Mae Williams, Past Dept. President. I hope to visit every Circle in my Department. We are doing good work getting new members and are happy to report one new Circle. We observed all Patriotic Days and all Circles have assisted in Memorial Day services. We have stressed Relief Work at all times.

Our Department slogan this year is "Love One Another". I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Army reunion held at Xenia, with fifteen Comrades present and had a wonderful time.

In closing my report, I want to extend the Love and best wishes to the outgoing officers and pledge anew the cooperation of the Department of Ohio to the newly elected officers and wish for them a harmonious year.

To make your life worth living,
When everything goes wrong
Try laughing instead of growling,
Break into a cheerful song,
It's smiling and a laughing
When skies are dull and gray
That brightens all with sunshine
And drives all cares away.

Lovingly yours in F. C. L.,
Lovingly yours in F. C. and L.,
Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

To the National President, Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention:

It gives me great pleasure to bring you greetings from the members of our Order in Iowa. I wish for you a very pleasant and successful Convention.

We have twenty-five Circles in Iowa and at the close of my year I hope I may have the same number and have added to this number if possible.

Our Department Convention was held in Des Moines in June. We were most happy to have our National President, Ethelyn P. Smith as our guest.

We observe all holidays, especially Memorial Day.

I am fortunate in having three Past Department Presidents living in Des Moines.

I will do all I can to build up our beloved Order. We have only two of our dear Comrades living in Des Moines. I trust that I may be able to visit each Circle this year.

The Department of Iowa pledges its support to you and your Officers.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,
ROSETTA SEARCY,
Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA

To the National President, Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sisters:

It gives me great pleasure to send you greetings and best wishes from the Department of Oklahoma.

Our Department Convention was held in Ponca City, May 8th and 9th, at which time a great honor was bestowed upon me by being unanimously elected Department President, with a fine staff of officers. We were pleased to have our National President, Ethelyn P. Smith with us. She was a great help and inspiration to us all.

Our Department consists of seven Circles, all in good standing with a membership of 250. Our entire membership is 100 percent paid up in Bugle Call and G. A. R. fund

We have observed all Patriotic Holidays with fitting programs. Decoration Day finds flags and flowers on our departed Comrades graves. For Sailors and Marines we scatter flowers on the waters:

And as we bid them seek the Sea
We bind our hearts sweet wreathes to thee;
And bid them float to where they lie
Whose memory dear can never die.

Our Circles are buying War Bonds and doing Red Cross work, making afghans for hospitals and doing other War Work.

In closing I extend our kindest regards to you, the National Staff and all Sisters of our Order. I am,

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,
MYRTLE I. FORTNER,
Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

North Platte, Nebraska,
September, 1942.

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the 56th National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Having been elected and installed President of the Department of Nebraska, it is my privilege and pleasure to bring greetings.

Our Department Convention was held in Kearney, Nebraska in May, 1942. We regretted that the National President, our own Ethelyn, could not attend. The National Secretary, Sister Lydia Vasholz, represented the National President.

The Nebraska Department is one of the smaller ones, with many miles between the Circles. Last year Sister Lydia visited all the Circles, and we had a very successful year. We have twelve Circles, some very small, but each doing its best to carry on.

Our Department contributes to all National funds, observes all patriotic days, presents flags, and does much relief work. We presented a portrait of Abraham Lincoln to the Kearney Junior High School, and a flag to the Salvation Army.

On May 24, 1942, Memorial Sunday, I had the honor to preside at the dedication and unveiling of the first monument erected in Lincoln County, Nebraska in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. I had conceived the idea of this monument about a year before, and was appointed chairman of a committee to raise funds for this purpose. The results—a granite stone and bronze plate—were erected in memory of Stephen A. Douglas Post No. 69, Grand Army of the Republic, by Ann Rutledge Circle No. 60. This stone was raised in the North Platte Cemetery, where 226 Comrades are buried, on a plot of ground that had belonged to the G. A. R. Post for over 59 years. At that time we still had one member of the G. A. R. surviving, Cyrus Fox. He was the last to join the Post and the last to pass away.

He had been elected Sr. Vice Commander of the Department of Nebraska a few days before his death. He passed away June 12, 1942 and was buried in Ft. McPherson National Cemetery. I attended the services and sent flowers on behalf of the Department and a card.

I appeared in the Memorial Day parade with the Department banner, attended G. A. R. services at the North Platte Cemetery in the morning, and also, services at Ft. McPherson National Cemetery in the afternoon. All Lincoln County looks forward to the Memorial Day services.

Again I say best wishes for a successful convention and pledge our support to the incoming officers.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,
GRACE BELL,
Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSSETTS

September 14, 1942.

To the Officers and Members of the National Convention:

I was installed Dept. President of Massachussetts April 8, 1942 at Boston by National President Ethelyn Smith. I have had two board meetings; made three visits to my Circles; attended ten allied organizations receptions and conventions; one friendly relation committee meeting; one Past Presidents' Club meeting; Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day services at various parks and Churches.

A Fair will be held this Fall at Hotel Manger for my Department. I will make my own inspections of all Circles in Mass. I plan a very busy winter.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
MARY J. PORTER,
Dept. President.

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

Minneapolis, Minn.,
Sept. 1, 1942.

National President Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of this Fifty-sixth Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

With pride and pleasure I bring greetings and best wishes for a harmonious convention from the Department of Minnesota.

At our fiftieth annual convention held in June in Minneapolis I was elected President and I am most proud to have had the honor of having you, my National President, install me and my officers in our respective stations.

I entered upon my duties at once and to date have inspected fourteen of thirty-seven Circles. Instituted a Junior Circle with a membership of twenty-five, much credit is due Sister Viola Stewart, the Department Junior organizer. We are proud to have an elected officer on the National Staff, Mary I. Nickerson on Council af Administration.

I am so thankful to you Sister National President for appointing our very good Sister Irene D. Patterson on your staff as Assistant secretary, at the beginning of your year, so she could have all the honor due her.

Wishing for the incoming officers success and renewing our support, I am most sincerely yours, in F. C. and L.,

LILLIAN ECKLAND,
Dept. President Minnesota.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

R. F. D. #3, Hamburg, N. Y.

To the National President Sister Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of the 56th National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

It is a sincere pleasure to bring Greetings from the Department of New York. We are happy to have both the National Treasurer and National Patriotic Instructor as members of our Department. The Circles in our Department are actively engaged in helping in our great Civilian Defense Program and it has been a pleasure to serve on the National Defense Committee in behalf of the Dept. of New York. With best wishes for a most Happy and Successful Convention.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

HENRIETTA Y BODGE,
Dept. President.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

To the National President—Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Delegates of the Fifty-sixth National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

I deem it a very great privilege to bring greetings from the Department of Indiana.

I am indeed proud to have the honor of being Department President when my own State is entertaining the National body.

Having been elected Department President at the Convention held in Martinsville June twenty-first to the twenty-fifth and duly installed by our Past Department President—Mary Keppen.

I realize my responsibility and I promised the Department and myself to do all in my power to promote peace and harmony in our Circles and Department. We were very sorry that our National

President could not be with us, but were happy to have her represented by our own Past National President—Nellie K. Stammel.

As is our custom we presented a beautiful silk flag to the Presbyterian Church where our convention sessions were held. Also to the Red Men's Lodge where our Ritualistic work was exemplified by the Department Officers. The flags were donated by the Department Presidents Circle Col. Samuel Orr, No. 60 and Col. Eli Lilly Circle No. 17.

We have 28 Circles in the Department, most of them doing splendid work, and are showing quite an increase in membership; they are all doing Red Cross and Defense work.

On Aug. 2nd the sad news came of the passing of our dear Comrade Dr. Edward Cowan of Crawfordsville, who has answered the last roll call to join the great Veteran's band on high. Only too soon the last one will have gone from earthly vision; the camp fire will be out; taps will sound; there will be no Grand Army of the Republic; save in memory. To perpetuate that memory is the future work of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

With the aid of a splendid corps of Officers and the loyal cooperation of the Circles I hope to accomplish a great work this year, and to maintain the high standards of my predecessor, with best wishes to our National President and her Officers for a profitable and harmonious convention.

To the newly elected Officers we pledge our loyalty and cooperation.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,
CARRIE HENSCHEN,
Department President of
Indiana.

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING

To the National President, Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

It gives me great pleasure to bring greetings from the eight Circles in the Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Our convention was held at Manitou Springs, Colorado, June 18-20, at which time I was elected President.

We were very sorry that our National President could not attend our convention but were most happy to have our own Sister Mabel Y. Coffey as her representative.

The newly elected and appointed officers were installed by our Past National President, Edwina P. Trigg. They have assumed their duties and our work is being carried on in an efficient manner.

An interesting feature of our convention was the seating of the Department Officers and National Officers by the Kit Carson Circle No. 9 of Colorado Springs, Colo. They wore white dresses trimmed with the red and blue V's. The team, captained by Mabel Y. Coffey, deserved a great deal of praise for the work they did. After the officers were seated the team spelled out the last name of our President—NOE.

Our Past National President and National Editor of Bugle Call, Edwina P. Trigg and her guest, Edna Ray, assistant Editor of Bugle Call were guests at our Convention.

We presented two flags at convention, and gave a purse of money to our comrades. We have observed all Patriotic Days.

Colorado and Wyoming is proud to be listed as one of the Departments being 100 percent in Bugle Call and Grand Army Funds and trust the same credit will be due us next year. Our Department and Circles have always been willing to do all in their power to build up and advance the interests of our organization.

We regret with sorrow the passing of one of our Comrades, Charles H. Pridmore.

Upon my return from Convention, I will start my inspections, and am looking forward with pleasure to visiting each Circle in our Department. I will endeavor to the best of my ability, to build up and advance the interests and principles of our Order.

Hoping for a splendid convention and assuring you of the loyal support from this Department, I am

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,
MARY BOETZ,
Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Detroit, Michigan

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention:

Dear Sisters:

In behalf of the Department of Michigan I wish to extend greetings and best wishes for a most happy and successful convention.

We have seventeen Circles in our Department, all in good standing, doing fine patriotic work and promoting in general the objects of our Order.

Many visits have been made to the Michigan Soldiers Home and gifts presented to our Comrades and also to many widows of our Comrades who are residing there.

The Department of Michigan is affiliated with the Michigan Women's National Defense Council and I am happy to report that the members take a very active part in this work and the Annual Conference of this organization.

Memorial Day and all National anniversaries, Peace and Flag Day are fittingly observed and celebrated by all Circles in the Department of Michigan.

May our organization grow in number, ever promote its objects and perpetuate the noble deeds of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

FRANCES A. DORSEY,
Dept. President of Michigan.

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention:

Dear Sisters:

With pleasure I bring greetings from the Department of Wisconsin.

At our Department Convention held in Waukesha in June I was elected Department President and duly installed by Past Dept. President Adaline Klatt.

We have observed all patriotic days and my aim is to promote friendship and good will in all our Circles.

Loyally yours in F. C. and L.,
FRANCES OLSEN,
Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

To the National President, Sister Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention:

Dear Sisters:

At our Department Convention held at Parkersburg in June, 1942, I was elected President, and it gives me great pleasure to bring greetings and best wishes from the Department of West Virginia.

We were very sorry that our National President could not be with us at our Convention, but we enjoyed our representative, Sister Gladys W. Newton, National Treasurer.

Sister Hattie Martin, Past Department President, was my installing officer.

Our Department has done much relief work. We presented several Flags to churches and other organizations. We observed all patriotic days. Our Department is small, but we are proud of the fact that we are the blood kin of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We have only one Comrade, A. T. McMurray, who was able to attend our Convention. We were very proud of him and glad to have him with us.

Congratulations to all retiring officers for a wonderful year's work. To our incoming National President and all her officers, I offer the best wishes of our Department. May God be with each and every one of us and make this year a successful one for us in the work of our beloved Organization.

May God be with our boys who are now serving Uncle Sam all over the World. My sincere hope is that they will return soon with their task done, and that joy, faith, and peace will come back with them to our good old United States of America.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

MARJORIE OCHSENBEIN,
Department President of West Virginia.

DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention:

Greetings from the Department of Washington and Alaska and we wish for you a most happy and harmonious convention.

We are very sorry that our National President was unable to be with us at our Department Convention in Yakima. We had a very instructive, interesting and harmonious convention. Our Past National President, Frances Haskell and Past National Secretary May Vance were with us. Only one civil war veteran, our own Commander Tift and his good wife were with us.

At that convention I was elected to the highest office in the Department, that of Department President. I am striving to fill that office creditably and I shall do all in my power to perpetuate the name of the Grand Army of the Republic and to work for the good of our Order. It is my intention to visit every Circle in the Department and to give them my aid and support. I am grateful to have the very finest staff of officers to assist me in the work for the Department.

There are thirteen Circles in our State with a membership of about four hundred. We have one active Junior Circle at Spokane, 15 members from six to sixteen. We have an active Betsy Ross Club of about thirty members which meets in Seattle.

There are five Civil War veterans in the state.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have a large commodious home located at Puyallup. This home can accomodate fifty-two women. We have thirty-eight living there, mostly daughters of Civil War veterans. All are blood relatives.

I attended the annual picnic given at this home on August 31st. One hundred and twenty-five persons were present, five Circles and four Relief Corps were represented.

The headquarters of the Department of Washington and Alaska are established in the Washington Veterans Home at Retsil this year. We have no Civil War veterans living at the Home now but we do have sixty Civil War widows. These widows are not all members of Wm. Morgan Circle No. 68, which meets at Retsil but they are lovingly looked after and ministered to by the members of the Circle.

Again wishing you a most prosperous and harmonious Convention and pledging our loyal support to the incoming officers.

Yours sincerely in F. C. and L.,
MABEL VAN HOUTEN,
Department President Department Washington & Alaska.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

It is with pleasure I bring greetings from the Department of Missouri.

We were so happy to see our National President at our Convention at Excelsior Springs, and considered it quite an honor.

The Department of Missouri has done several nice things for our comrades the past year. We donated rings with the Grand Army Emblem on them to seven comrades here in Kansas City. We gave Jonathan Hollingsworth, our Department Commander, his jewel for his encampment. This was started by the Past Presidents Association under the leadership of Emma Hyatt. We also gave a wheel chair to the St. James Home.

We work under a budget system, and all members share alike in the advancement of our Department.

I have been in office a short time, but shall deem it a pleasure to visit my Circles throughout the state.

Wishing you a successful and pleasant Convention, and pledging you my loyal support, I am,

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,
SADIE VOGLESONG,
Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

To the National President, Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of the 56th National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

It is with pleasure I send greetings from the Department of Oregon, with best wishes for a very pleasant convention.

Having been elected Department President at our Convention held in Portland, Oregon, May 12, 13, 14th, I was duly installed by our Past National Junior Vice President, Sister Leota M. Brown, and with the full cooperation of all members I hope to have a very successful year.

We cooperate with all the allied orders at all times, as well as taking part in many civic and patriotic activities, and work with the State Board of Civilian Defense.

Our National President's official visit in our State late in May was enjoyed and she was a real inspiration to all the officers and members who had the pleasure of meeting her.

It is with deep regret that we are unable to be present at this convention, but pledge our loyal support to all our new officers.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,
KITTYE E. DUNN,
Dept. Pres.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

To the National Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth Annual Convention:

It is a pleasure to extend greetings from the Department of Maine.

I have visited most of the Circles of the Department and find much patriotic work is being done.

All Patriotic Holidays are being observed with appropriate programs.

We regret the passing of Clara Sawyer, Past National President. Sister Sawyer, a native of Maine, was Organizer and first President of the Department. She also instituted many Circles. Several Circles held special memorial services in her memory.

Sincerely in F. C. and L.,

FLORENCE STAPLES,
Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

September 14, 1942.

To the National President, Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Having been elected Department President at the convention held in Providence in April, I bring you greetings from the Department of Rhode Island, the smallest State in the Union. We have only six Circles and one Junior Circle but they are very faithful members and meet their obligations willingly.

We are taking our place in the Defense program under the supervision of our Defense Chairman, buying War Bonds and selling Bonds and Stamps in the theatres.

We have presented twenty-seven flags this year, donated to the Cancer Control, Infantile Paralysis funds and in addition we are serving for the Red Cross.

We are affiliated with the Rhode Island Council of Women and the Rhode Island Federation of Women's Clubs.

Our little Juniors are doing splendid work and have earned twenty-five dollars for their treasury by selling Flags for Memorial Day.

We are grateful for the presence of our National President at our Department Convention and I was honored to have her install me into the office of Department President.

Wishing you a very happy convention, I am,

Loyally yours in F. C. and L.,
FLORA McCABE,
Dept. President.

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO

To Dear Sister Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Sisters:

Indeed it is a pleasure and an honor to bring Greetings from Idaho.

I am very grateful to the Sisters of my Department for having made it possible for me to be their President and to represent them at our National Convention. It is a privilege to help carry on the work which so fine a group as our Grand Army of the Republic started.

Idaho is a small Department but made up of an ambitious group of Sisters who are ever ready and willing to do more than

their share of what there is to be done. They are all doing fine work with the Red Cross and all War work.

In behalf of the Department of Idaho I extend our love and best wishes to each and everyone,

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

EDITH N. KOENIG,

Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

To our National President, Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention:

Dear Sisters:

I deem it an honor to be Department President of Florida, and convey to you all, greetings.

We held our Convention in April at St. Petersburg, with a good attendance. We had a good Convention, everyone returning to their homes happy in the thought of such complete harmony prevailing throughout the entire sessions.

I will endeavor to promote Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty necessary to advance the interests of our order.

Memorial and Patriotic Days are observed by our Circles. We decorate Comrades graves and strew flowers on the water for our Sailor dead. Daughters of the U.D.C. and Ladies of the G.A.R. placed large wreaths at the monuments of our Union and Confederate Soldiers during the services at the cemetery.

Our Circles are sewing for the Defense and Bundles for America, also 53 pairs socks and one sweater knitted for the soldiers. —Money to the amount of sixty dollars ($60.00) has been reported spent—Ten dollars ($10.00) to Faith Mission, and Three dollars ($3.00) to Childrens Orphanage Home at Jacksonville.

A crate of oranges is sent each year to the Maywood Home t Maywood, Illinois.

We only have two Comrades left in Florida, one at Miami and one at St. Petersburg.—William Russell, 97, of St. Cloud passed on August 14th.—He was the last Comrade of Mitchell Post G.A.R. of St. Cloud. The Mitchell Post was once the second largest G.A.R. Post in the Nation with a membership of more than 800 Civil War Veterans.

Our two remaining Comrades are very feeble and have not held their Convention for two years, as only one was present last year.

With best wishes from the Sunshine State, Florida.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

N. GERTRUDE BALCOM,

Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention:

Dear Sisters:

At the Department Convention held in April, at Concord, I was elected and installed Department President. Having served in this capacity only a short time, I have not had time to formulate or carry out any definite plans.

On Memorial Day we placed flowers on the graves of our departed sisters and comrades, and observed all other patriotic days. Our Department is small, only four Circles, but hope to have a few more soon. Though small in number, we are strong in the determination to do all in our power to help our beloved Order, and I am sure our band of faithful workers will "carry on".

Submitted in F. C. and L.,
ROSE M. LANG,
Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF UTAH

o National President Ethelyn P. Smith, Officers and Members of the Fiftysixth Annual Convention:
I bring a concise report of the activities in Utah Department.

Memorial Day is never forgotten, the several Circles holding services throughout the day. Each Circle has their respective cemetery to hold their ritualistic service and is always well attended.

Flag Day and Fourth of July is observed in well arranged programs.

Mothers and Fathers Day, Columbus Day and all patriotic days are fittingly observed.

All are buying Bonds and many of the Sisters are in Defense and all are ready to do anything to help win this war.

All contributed to the Ambulance Car.

Most Circles are doing fine charity work in their own Circle. Many are keeping up the social interest by having a party each month. We are ready to help our National President in any way.

Sincerely in F. C. and L.,

NELLIE HOLMES,
Department President.

DEPARTMENT OF THE POTOMAC

September 11, 1942.

To the National President, Sister Ethelyn P. Smith; Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sisters:

It is with great pleasure I send you greetings from the Department of the Potomac.

On January 25th., I was unanimously elected Department President and had the distinction and honor of being installed by my own sister, Emma F. Hayward, the 2nd., President of our Department.

The year, since the last National Convention, has been a very active one as there have been so many Patriotic Exercises to attend and I have endeavored to represent our organization on every occasion.

Our 5 Circles besides observing the Birthdays of Lincoln, Washington, McKinley and Grant, Appomottox, Flag and Memorial Days also observe Mother's Day, Grand Army Day, and their members act as Pages and Delegates for our National at the Woman's Patriotic Conference on National Defense, take part in the Massing of the Colors at the National Cathedral at Mt. St. Albans.

Our most outstanding work is the decoration of over 154,000 graves in Arlington National Cemetery. This year we not only used natural flowers but made artificial flowers—American Beauty Roses, the Grand Army Flower. The G.A.R. Memorial Day Corporation appointed me Chairman, and I appointed Sister Emma F. Hayward the acting chairman for the Natural Flowers (a position she has held for many years,) and appointed our Dept., Chaplain, Sister Alice Burke chairman for the artificial flowers. The members of our Department made 2,670 roses and of these Sister Burke made 1,700. We served lunches to over 300 Boy Scouts who helped place the flowers on the graves the morning of May 30th., others who assisted me in the 2 days work at Arlington besides Sister Burke and Hayward were Sisters Tamm, Cobert, Wohlfarth, and Stumph.

Another outstanding occasion was the 10th., Annual Commemorative Exercises we held at Fort Stevens on July 11th., at which time I placed a wreath on the Monument there erected where Abraham Lincoln stood under fire and our Union Soldiers fought to keep Washington from falling into the hands of the Confederates. Maj., Gen'l Amos A. Fries delivered the address and the "Guard of Honor" of the American Legion and Fort Stevens Post, A.L. gave wonderful assistance as did Commander Bateman and other members of the Maryland Division, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Accompanied by the President of the Circle furnishing the wreath and the Department Banner and Flags, I placed one on the Lincoln Memorial on Feb., 12th., one in the Washington Monument on Feb., 22nd., one on the Dr. B. F. Stephenson Monument on Apr., 6th., and one on Gen'l Grant's Monument on Apr., 27th.

Exercises were held on all of these occasions with the exception of Feb., 22nd., when accompanied by a number of our members I attended the D.A.R. exercises in their Hall.

Attended the Annual Joint Memorial Exercises of Grant and Lincoln Circles in the Rotunda of the U. S. Capitol. The Hon. John M. Robison of Ky., delivered the address and our Marine Band furnished most of the numbers.

On May 30th., placed a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Dead as well as one on the Tomb of the Unknown of the World War in Arlington Nat'l Cemetery; did the same on Mother's Day. On all Patriotic occasions besides the Dept., Flags and banners, all members of the 5 Circles attended with their Flags and Banners.

Our Circles do a great deal of Relief and Patriotic Work: Flags have been given to Boy Scouts and new Citizens. Nearly every member belongs to the Red Cross and many are actively engaged in

Defense work. Our Dept., Treasurer, Sister Alice Howard has been actively engaged in Red Cross work for a number of years.

With much sorrow I wish to announce that our Dept., has lost two wonderful workers, Sister Mary Sitz Parker, who organized Gen'l Wm. Beck Circle and Sister Rebecca L. Blaine, a member of Lincoln Circle, organizer of Oldroyd Circle and one of the organizers of our Department.

I thank our National President for the appointments she made in our Department and regret exceedingly that I am unable to attend your Convention, however I know I shall be well represented by our Sr. Vice-President, Sister Vera A. Redfern, a very capable young woman.

With best wishes for a successful Convention.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,
MARY H. FORTIER,
Dept. President.

DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY NO. 2

Louisville, Kentucky

Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention of the Ladies of the G.A.R.:

Dear Sisters:

It is with pleasure that I bring greetings from the Department of Kentucky No. 2 and wish for you a pleasant convention.

At the Department Convention held in Louisville April 21st and 22nd I was elected Department President and installed by National President Ethelyn P. Smith.

On April 30th., met our National President as she was going through Louisville and spent several enjoyable hours with her.

On May 16th., took greeting from our organization to Mrs. Elsie H. Newell, National President of the United Spanish American War Veterans Auxiliary at a banquet given in her honor. She gave a very interesting talk.

On May 24th., participated in Memorial services held at Lincoln Monument at the Public Library.

On May 30th., I went to the Armory where members from various patriotic groups were tying bouquets to be placed on graves of departed veterans. I assisted in tying of the 10,000 necessary bouquets. In the afternoon strewed flowers on the Lake in the Cave Hill Cemetery in memory of departed sailors and marines.

June 3rd., attended meeting of Women's Recreational Council at the Service Club, at which time I was appointed chairman of all Patriotic organizations in Lou. From there I went to the home of Sister Susie Lang and attended a meeting of August Willich Circle No. 1 and had the pleasure of initiating Sister Lang's sister, Clara Mayflower into the Circle. A delicious dinner was served and a game of Bunco was enjoyed in the afternoon.

On June 7-9 the Department Convention of United Spanish War Veterans was held at Phoenix Hotel in Lexington, being unable to attend appointed Pearl Reister, Past Dept., President to extend greetings.

On June 18 I called a meeting of the Advisory Council at the Kentucky Hotel to fill vacancies in our Department offices.

On July first attended tea and meeting of Women's Defense Council of Lou., to make plans for the Ball Game between the Fort Knox and Ft. Benjamin Harrison teams and was appointed Captain in charge of ticket sales.

On Aug. 23rd., will assist in serving fresh fruit to 500 soldiers at a buffet supper at the Service Club. The purchase of fruit was made possible by donations from various units of the Ladies auxiliaries of patriotic organizations.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

LUCY EPPIHIMER,
Dept. President,
Dept. of Kentucky No. 2.

GENERAL D. S. STANLEY CIRCLE NO. 3
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

San Antonio, Texas
September 8, 1942.

To National President Ethelyn P. Smith and her Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Encampment:

Dear Sisters:

It is with pleasure we extend greetings to you from our Circle from the Lone Star State—Texas.

I was installed President of the Circle January 12th., 1942 and can report up to date a very good attendance at each meeting considering we have twelve dear old ladies over eighty years of age. They have been loyal and helpful to me. We observed the birthdays of our great Patriots, Washington and Lincoln with a silver tea to replenish our treasury.

We had a very beautiful Mother's Day program. I presented the oldest and youngest mother with a bouquet of gladiolus and each mother over 80 years with a corsage of old fashioned flowers.

Sorrow came in our midst and took our only and last Comrade Sickles.

Memorial services were held for our Sister Lottie D Arvainville and also our Comrade Sickles.

I have initiated five new members and several more pending.

Our members are doing all they can to help win this war. Gave a donation to the Red Cross and give when ever called upon. Our treasury has grown and we have a social at each meeting.

Our year would have been happier had you been able to visit us, Sister Smith.

Wishing for you a splendid Convention, With love and best wishes for the success of our beloved order I remain,

Fraternially,

LOLA MELSMAN,
President Gen'l D. S. Stanley
Circle No. 3, San Antonio, Texas

GREETINGS AND TELEGRAMS

St. Joseph Missouri, Sept. 13, 1942.

Dear Sister Ethelyn:

Please accept my best wishes for a successful and harmonious convention. Sorry cannot be with you.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
HELEN WRIGHT, Dept. Secretary,
Missouri Dept.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Sept 14, 1942.

National President, Ladies of the G.A.R.,
Indianapolis.

Best wishes to you and officers and friends, at Indianapolis encampment.

Twenty-one years ago I brought to your Indianapolis meeting the greetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Now—Greetings from the survivors of the Philippine and China Expeditions of 1898-1902. Eighty regiments that fought 2811 skirmishes and captured 114,000 square miles of Philippines. Today about 3000 of our comrades of the 8th Army Corps are prisoners of Japan at Manila, but our Sons will plant the Stars and Stripes there again.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
GEORGE S GEIS,
Past National President and National Historian. 8th Corps Philippine Veterans and Past Senior Commander in Chief Sons of Union Veterans,
1224 Steuben Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 10, 1942.

Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sister National President:

Greetings and best wishes for a successful and harmonious convention.

Regret I cannot attend but will be represented by our very capable Senior Vice President, Sister Vera A. Redfern.

Thanks for your kind letter and all National appointments.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely in F. C. and L.,
MARY H. FORTIER,
Dept. President, Dept. of Potomac.

Spokane, Washington, Sept. 15, 1942.

Miss Ethelyn Smith, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army, Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis.

My personal greetings to you and staff. Deeply regret my inability to be present. Best wishes for a happy and harmonious Con-

vention. My love to all dear friends with whom I have been so closely associated for more than twenty years.

Devotedly yours,
MAY MASECAR.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 14, 1942

Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis.

I want to take the pleasure of extending greetings to you and all your members assembled in National Convention. Great patriotic groups like yours can be most helpful in the present world crisis. Incidentally let me say it is a pleasure to work here in Washington with your National Legislative representative, Mrs. Margaret Hopkins Worrell. I have a special interest in the National Shrine Program as embodied in S 2567. Mrs. Worrell's active and aggressive work in this connection is most helpful.

ARTHUR CAPPER.

Des Moines, Iowa
September 13, 1942.

Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, National President; Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention, Ladies of the G.A.R.

Dear Sisters:

So sorry not to be able to be with you, but sincerely hope you will have a profitable and harmonious Convention. Thanks so much for your kindness to me the past year.

Faithfully yours in F. C. and L.,
BERTHA HUNT,
National Press Correspondent.

Tacoma, Washington, Sept. 15, 1942.

Ethelyn P. Smith, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis.

Brother no better. My best love to you and all Sisters and best wishes for the grandest convention ever.

FRANCES M. HASKELL,
Past National President.

Lincoln, Nebraska
Sept. 8, 1942.

Dear National President:

Best wishes for a very delightful Convention.

I am unable to be with you as I have a badly fractured right arm.

Love,
PERLE SMITH,
Past Department President Nebraska.

Marlboro, N. H.,
Sept. 9, 1942.

Dear Sister Smith:

Owing to illness in the family it is impossible for me to attend the National Convention. You can imagine how I feel about it. But hope to make it another year.

I hope you will have the best convention ever. I will be thinking of you every minute.

Love and best wishes in F. C. and L.,
ROSE M. LANG,
Department President of
New Hampshire.

Hollywood, California.

To Our Dear National President, Ethelyn P. Smith and Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth National Convention, Greetings.

Dear Sister delegates one and all I am sorry not to be with you, but am with you in thought and spirit and hoping for one of the best conventions in our history and to the California delegation, Good Luck. Again wish I was with you and may God in His mercy keep you in his loving care.

Sisterly yours in F. C. and L.,
SARAH MARSH MOORE,
Past Department President of
California.

Omaha, Nebraska, September 15, 1942.

Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, National President
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Hotel Lincoln, Indianapolis.

Greetings and best wishes for a most successful convention.

JOHN SLAVIK, Douglas County Clerk.

St. Louis, Missouri, Sept. 14, 1942.

Miss Ethelyn P. Smith, National President
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Hotel Lincoln, Indianapolis.

Please accept my good wishes for a harmonious convention.

Sorry I could not attend but I will be with you in spirit.

Sincerely in F. C. and L.,

OLLIE RECKER, Dept. Treasurer,
Dept. Missouri.

Columbus, Ohio., Sept. 15, 1942.

Ethelyn P. Smith
Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis.

To the National President and Members, greetings.

Sorry I can not be with you. Letter and report following.

HELEN P. SNOOTS,
National Junior Vice President.

Monterey, California
September 9, 1942.

National President
Ethelyn P. Smith.
My dear President:

It is with deepest regret that I will not be able to attend and enjoy the Convention over which you will soon preside.

Accept my best wishes and greetings to you and all of the officers and members of the convention assembled.

Never has there been greater need of earnest patriotic work than now confronts the mothers, wives and daughters of our beloved America, than today.

May God be with you in your deliberations.

Lovingly in F. C. and L.,
EVA J. FRENCH,
Past National President.

Glendale, California
September 1942.

Miss Ethelyn P. Smith
National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.
Dear Sister:

It is with great pleasure that I am sending my personal greetings to you, and I wish for you a happy and harmonious convention. To the officers and delegates my best wishes and my love. At this writing, I am reminded that in the city of Indianapolis September 1892, just fifty years ago, I retired from the chair. Fifty years is a long span to look back upon and conjure up the trend of events in that length of time. I have lived all year hoping to celebrate my retirement from the chair, only to be disappointed. I regret exceedingly my inability to be with you, my Doctor tells me that it would be very unwise for me to travel so far away from home at my age—just 88 years young.

Lovingly in F. C. and L.,
CARRIE V. SHERRIFF,
Past National President.

Jersey City, New Jersey
September 11, 1942.

Ethelyn P. Smith, National President
Officers and Members of the National Convention
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.
Dear Sisters:

I had hoped until the last minute to be with you, but due to the illness of Mr. Lehman, it will be impossible for me to go so far from home.

My thoughts and prayers will be with you throughout your sessions for a most harmonious and constructive convention.

With my very best wishes to you, and to the newly elected officers, I am,

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
HELEN M. LEHMAN,
Past National President.

Anadarka, Okla., Sept. 13, 1942.

Ethelyn P. Smith, National President
c-o Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis.

Greetings and best wishes for a successful convention. Sorry we cannot attend. May your years work have many happy memories.

Lovingly in F. C. and L.,
AMONETTE PATTI,
Past Dept. President.

Delano, California
September 14, 1942.

Ethelyn P. Smith, National President
Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis.

My dear Sister:

Sorry we could not be with you in your Convention but we all send our love and best wishes for a very happy Convention. I am so proud of the honor that has come to my big Sister and have followed you in spirit all through the year on your journey. I was so happy to be with you in the California Convention and thank the sisters for the kindness and courtesies shown me.

LEO E. PRYOR, MARGUERITE SMITH
PRYOR, ELDON, PAUL AND
MARJORIE.

Cleveland, Ohio
Sept. 11, 1942.

Ethelyn P. Smith, National President
Dear Sister Smith:

Sorry I wont be able to be with you at your Convention. I am wishing you a very pleasant and successful convention and will be with you in spirit all during the week of the 14th.

Loyally yours in F. C. and L.,
LOUISE C. SCHULTZ,
Dept. Counselor.

General Orders

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Series 1941-1942 **October 1, 1941**

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1

I. At the Fifty-fifth National Convention, held in the historic City of Columbus, Ohio, I was unanimously elected National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you sincerely for the honor you have given me and shall serve you faithfully and to the very best of my ability. With the full cooperation of all of you, my Sisters, this will be a successful year for our Order.

II. Officers were installed by Past National President, Cora M. Rowling, assisted by Past National President Clara N. Sawyer and Past National President Frences M. Kuhns acting as escorts; Past Natl. Presidents Lillian Clark Cary, Ethel M. Irish, Cassea H. Orsborn, Margaret Grandle, Helen Lehmn, Josephine Mahar, Pearl Cooke, Orpha Whitaker, Edwina Trigg and Frances Haskell acting as Guard of Honor. Conductors were Bertha Hodgkinson, Okla., Mary Barclay, Pa.

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THE BUGLE CALL

III. We have been working for a number of years toward the goal of increasing our mailing list of the Bugle Call, so that we might be considered eligible for National advertising, making it possible for every member of our Order to receive the papr without charge.

The mailing list has now reached more than 15,000, and, at the National Convention which just closed in Columbus, Ohio, a plan was presented by Mr. John R. Scholl, Parkersburg, W. Va., who has printed our Bugle Call for the past four years, whereby national advertising can now be secured.

Mr. Scholl's plan was accepted by the National Convention, thereby giving him authority to proceed in our behalf. Until this plan is well established, the present plan, whereby each member pays **5 cents per quarter, remains in force.**

The advertisers in dealing with our organization require a complete list of our membership. Therefore, we must bring our mailing list to a standard of accuracy, so that each paper mailed will be delivered.

The greatest cooperation is asked of our members, that the goal which is in sight may be reached.

IV. National Password accompanies this order.

V. Department Presidents are requested to forward to the National President immediately names and addresses of Sisters whom they recommend for National Appointments; also Rosters and General Orders.

VI. Department Quarterly Reports must be forwarded to the Naitonal Secretary, together with checks or money orders made to the order of the National Treasurer, Gladys W. Newton, Charleston, West Va. All orders for supplies must be accompanied by check or money order and sent direct to the National Treasurer.

VII. Department Patriotic Instructors, Chaplains, Registrars, Historians please forward to their respective National officers, their names and addresses. The National officers must be notified promptly of any change in address of Department officers under their jurisdiction. This also applies to Circles under National jurisdiction.

PATRIOTIC LITERATURE

VIII. The National Body adopted a permanent literature which covers the instructions of "How to Display the American Flag, and How to Respect It." In it is embodied the Flag Code as adopted by the National Flag Conference in Washington, D. C., on June 14, 1923 and, again, in 1924.

It is beautifully illustrated in the national colors, Red, White, and Blue.

In the very near future, Marie J. Buhler, Past Department President, 68 Arthur St., Yonkers, New York, who was elected National Patriotic Instructor, will distribute through the Department Patriotic Insructors, a sufficient number to provide each member with a leaflet. This literature will be in the hands of the National Treasurer, and quantities can be purchased at one cent per leaflet through the Department Treasurers.

IX. Circle Presidents! You will soon be electing and installing new Circle Officers. Let me remind you that our National Treasurer now carries a Teasurer's bond, in stock, which can be purchased from your Department Treasurer for fifteen cents. These bonds are good for one year. You can also obtain gold stars and bars engraved Past President, Past Secretary and Past Treasurer for $2.85 each plus 10% Federal Tax. These pins are very nice should you care to give them in recognition of loyal and faithful service.

IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened by the passing of our loving Sister and friend Wynnye G. Williamson, Past National President and Editor of our Bugle Call. She was greatly missed at the National Convention and to her family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

To the Dept. of Nebraska and Garfield Circle No. 11 of Omaha, we extend sympathy in the loss of one of their faithful Sisters Miss Grace M. Berger, Past Dept. President.

To any of our members who have been called upon to part with loved ones the National Body extends deepest and sincerest sympathy.

I wish to extend my congratulations and best wishes to Commander-in-Chief George H. Gay of Nashu, New Hampshire, National President of Women's Relief Corps Mrs. Mary L. Lucksinger, Monroe, Wis., National President of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Glennola Gilschert Sill, Chicago, Illinois, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J., National President of the Auxiliary of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Margaret Schroeder, Orange, N. J., National President of the Betsy Ross Club, Mrs. Frances Rohrbach of Kansas and trust that this year may be one of splendid cooperation in all Organizations.

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X. In closing this, my first General Order, I wish to again thank you for the high honor conferred on me and I realize the responsibility I have assumed and will strive at all times to act for the best interests of my order. I shall need your prayers, help and loyalty every step of the way to make the year a successful one.

"To faithfully perform the task
Assigned to me is all I ask,
Perfection's not for mortal man;
Just let me do the best I can."

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

ETHELYN P. SMITH,
National President.

Attest: Lydia Vasholz,
National Secretary.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

3212 HARNEY STREET

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The following Recommendations and Decisions of the Fifty-Fifth Annual National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic held in Columbus, Ohio are hereby promulgated.

I. Resolution presented by Margaret Worrell:

Whereas, the 30th day of May is observed as Memorial Day throughout the several States of the United States in memory of those who fell in the Civil War and subsequently in memory of soldiers who fell in all wars, and

Whereas, under date of May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, Commander-in-chief, of the Grand Army of the Republic, at the suggestion of one of his soldiers, issued a General Order designating May 30, 1868, as Memorial Day with the hope that it would be kept from year to year, and

Whereas, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, blood relatives of the veterans of the Civil War, most of whom have passed their ninety-fourth milestone, believe that the citizens of this great nation would appreciate a Memorial Day Stamp, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in National Convention assembled this 19th day of September, 1941, that the Postmaster General, Honorable Frank C. Walker, be and he is hereby requested to order the issuance of a three cent Memorial Day Stamp at the time the stamp program for 1942 is being formulated.

Council decides that this resolution be adopted.

Council sustained.

II. Resolution number 2 presented by Margaret Worrell: That we place a Memorial Tablet in Arlington Memorial Amphi-theater.

Council decides that we adopt Sister Worrell's plan to place a Memorial Tablet in Arlington Memorial Amphitheater and bring the matter before the Convention and let the members contribute what they will on the expense of $175.00, and the balance if there be any, to be taken care of by the National Body.

Council sustained.

III. Resolution number 3 presented by Margaret Worrell:

That we petition the President of the United States of America, Franklin D. Roosevelt, to approve the Izac Bill H. R. 4640, and acquire the ten acres, known as Temple Heights as a site for the future erection of a Memorial Building in honor of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Council decides that we accept this petition and try to get the President to approve it.

Council sustained.

IV. Sarah J. Ehrmann, Past National President requested that she be allowed to organize a Circle under National in Florida.

Council decides to grant Sister Ehrmann's request.

Council *not* sustained.

V. Department of California and Nevada:

1. That we recommend to the National Body that they provide Rituals, Badges and other supplies for Junior Circles.

Council decides that the Junior Instructions prepared by the National Junior Supervisor be adopted for use.

Council sustained.

Council decides that the type of Junior badge in the hands of the National Treasurer, be used for President Honors, and smaller inexpensive Junior badges be obtained for the membership.

Council sustained.

2. Inasmuch as our Organization is based on the eligibility of the honorable discharge of a Civil War soldier, sailor or marine and carry on with the lineal descendants of such honorable discharged veterans; Be it resolved, we urge that our Junior Circles be kept to that eligibility, and that we protest against the admission of those without such eligibility.

Council decides that the resolution adopted, pertaining to the Junior Circles, by the 1940 Convention remain the same.

Council sustained.

3. That eligibility cards be sent to Department Registrar and not the Department Secretary for distribution.

Council decides that eligibility cards remain in the hands of the Secretary.

Council sustained.

VI. That we adopt the Patriotic Literature recently issued by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and displayed at the Convention:

Council decides to adopt this piece of Literature as our permanent Patriotic Literature.

Council sustained.

Council decides to take the 100,000 copies that are already printed by the Department of Missouri.

Council sustained.

VII. Department of Oregon:

1. The Department of Oregon petitions the National Body to clarify the 1939 issue of our Rules and Regulations relative to the duties of Circle and Department Historians to comply with the law as promulgated in General Orders No. 1 under date of October 1, 1939 and recorded in our National Journal of the 53rd annual Convention held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Council decides that this Department be referred to Rules and Regulations as they are quite clear.

Council sustained.

2. The Department of Oregon wishes to go on record as protesting the addition of Section 3 of Article XVI, relative to funds; as this new section is in violation of our State law, relative to special funds. Neither can we find where said Section was ever promulgated as a law or recorded in any Journal.

Council decides that the law remain the same.

Convention votes to amend said law to read—"The interest accumulating from the deposit by the Treasurer, of funds donated for specific purposes, may, by vote of the Circle, be used for the general expenses of the Circle if it does not conflict with the State Law." Carried.

VIII. Department of Wisconsin:

Can a Patriotic Organization make a law that conflicts with the State Law?

Council decides the answer be no.

Council sustained.

IX. Department of Ohio:

1. We favor a law or rule permitting no sister to smoke in the Circle room. Will the National Body act on this resolution. Some of the Circles fear they will loose members if we permit smoking during the meeting.

Council decides that this matter be left to the decision of the Department in which it exists.

Council sustained.

2. Is a Past Circle President classed as an elected delegate to Department Convention? Does she lose her vote if she attends the sessions of an allied organization?

Council decides a Past Circle President holds her honors and is not elected a delegate.

Council sustained.

X. Recommendations and Decisions of the National President:

1. That there be a charge written for the Historian both at installation and for regular meetings.

Council decides that this recommendation be adopted and turned over to Revision Committee.

Council sustained.

2. Because so many complained our opening ceremony is too long and it breaks into our Flag service and being of the same opinion myself, I recommend that Good and Welfare be given at some other time than between repeating the American Creed and singing "Guard the Flag."

Council decides that the 'American Creed' and 'Good and Welfare' be recited after the Flag is placed.

Council sustained.

3. That Chapter II, Article VII, Section 2, Paragraph 2, on Page 11 of 1939 Rules and Regulations be revised so as to make its meaning clearer.

Council decides that Paragraph 2, Article VII be eliminated.

Council sustained.

Questions.

1. In carrying Flag into Circle room, in what order are the stations passed in carrying the Flag around the room?

Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President, President, Chaplain then to the alter, keeping alter to the right.

Council decides that the National President be sustained in this decision.

Council sustained.

2. When is the proper time to give the Silent Salute?

Immediately, as soon as the Flag is brought into the room.

Council decides that the National President's decision be sustained.

Council sustained.

3. Is it necessary to give the Silent Salute each time the escort Flags pass in front of a person in the Circle room?

No. We need not salute the Escort Flags. During a parade the salute is given to the Flag carried by the official Flag bearer and this is following the same principle.

Council decides that the National President's decision be sustained.

Council sustained.

4. Why is the Counselor not installed?

There has been no such provision made by the National Body.

Council decides that the decision be sustained.

Council sustained.

5. Do Circles have Counselors?

No.

Council decides that the decision be sustained.

Council sustained.

6. Who makes installations arrangements, the incoming or outgoing President?

Outgoing President as she is President until the new President is installed. It would be an act of courtesy for the retiring President to consult the incoming President as to her wishes in the matter.

Council decides that the recommendation be sustained.

Council **not** sustained.

That the National Proceedings be in the hands of the National President instead of the National Historian.

Council decides that we have two copies of bound Proceedings, one set to be given to the National President and one set to the National Historian.

Council sustained.

Sister Edwina Trigg offered to have the National Proceedings bound.

Council decides that we accept Sister Trigg's offer to have the Proceedings bound. One copy to go to the National President and one copy to the National Historian.

Council sustained.

That all money be collected by National Secretary except money for supplies.

Council decides that all money go to the National Secretary except money for supplies. Checks made payable to the National Treasurer.

Council sustained.

A motion was made by Sister Cassea Orsborn, Past National President, and seconded by Sister Naola Brown, Past Department President of Oklahoma, that our original plan of exemplifying the ritual be followed and take the place of some evening function at the National Convention. Carried.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
ETHELYN P. SMITH,
National President.

Attest: Lydia Vasholz,
National Secretary.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2

Series 1941-42 **February 1, 1942**

Dear Sisters:—

I. We are entering a new year and Circles have installed their new Officers. Please give to them your hearty support and cooperation. My Staff of Officers join in wishing you a most successful and happy year.

To the outgoing Officers, the National Organization extends heartfelt thanks for the faithful way in which you have performed your duties and kept the pledge you made upon entering your office.

II. Your National President takes this opportunity of thanking you for the gifts and many beautiful Christmas cards sent. I do appreciate your thought of me and those words of greeting and pledges of loyal support were a great uplift and I say THANK YOU with all my heart. I wish that it were possible to write each of you personally but my love to you and best wishes for a good New Year to you.

III. The Editor of the Bugle Call called your attention to the need of correct mailing lists from each Circle, but am sorry to report that only about one-third of the Circles have responded. Now Sisters that is not cooperating with your National Officers. The quicker you attend to this the sooner the list can be sold and the paper sent tax free to each member. Until this is done we must pay the five cents a quarter per member. Won't you do your part?

IV. How about that New Year's Resolution? . . . . "I will obtain a new member this year and help my beloved Organization to grow."

In my first General Order I asked each member to get a new member and I hope you are working on this.

I have obtained some very nice American Flag Pins and I know that you will all want one. To every member obtaining two or more new members or reinstatements I will give one of these fine pins.

Presidents, please send in names of those obtaining two or more members together with the names of the new mmbers to the National Secretary, Lydia Vasholz, and she will gladly send the pins to the deserving members. We all want to wear our Country's Flag and it is becoming difficult to obtain these pins. HURRY, HURRY, while the supply lasts.

V. Our National Supervisor, Lillian Clark Cary, writes me that the interest in Junior Circles is most gratifying. The New Junior Rituals are now out and Sister Cary is to be congratulated on her work. She will be glad to send Junior Rituals on request. All Circle and Dept. Presidents please assist Sister Cary by forming Junior Circles. This is a most worthwhile work. Junior members are eligible to work for the Flag pins also.

VI. National Treasurer, Gladys Newton also has the new Junior pins with identification cards which can be purchased from her for fifteen cents.

VII. Department Presidents, your National Secretary will appreciate promptness of Dept. Presidents in sending in Reports and Per Capita Tax.

VIII. I hope all Circles will register with the Red Cross or some form of Defense work. I have appointed Frances Dorsey as Chairman of the Defense Committee and members from each Dept. on the Committee. We must all work to defeat the enemy and protect our wonderful country.

IX. I have just returned from Indianapolis where I met with the Commander in Chief and the heads of allied Organizations and we have made plans for the National Convention to be held in that City September 13 to 18. More details to follow.

X. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Nita B. Simpson, Department President of Wisconsin, in the death of her husband, Wildes Walker Simpson.

To Nettie B. Young, Past Dept. President, of Bridgeport, Connecticut in the loss of her husband.

And to all of those whose home has been visited by death the National Body extends deepest and sincere sympathy.

"We will not mourn our dear ones,
For they haven't traveled far;
They are just across the river,
And the gates are still ajar."

XI. The following appointments are announced:

Edna M. Ray ..... Assistant Editor Bugle Call

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New Jersey ..... Lydia Sanford
Pennsylvania ..... Marion E. Nicholas
California & Nevada ..... Nettie Sherred
Illinois ..... Elizabeth Coon
Kansas ..... Frances Slawson
Ohio ..... Louise Shultz
Iowa ..... Caroline Germaine

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Massachusetts	Alice F. Harwood
Minnesota	Wynette Searles
New York	Ruth Petch
Indiana	Amanda Jordan
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Michigan	Pearl Nehranz
Wisconsin	Juanita Simpson
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Utah	Sythia Howard
New Hampshire	Myrtie Cockran
Washington, D. C., Potomac	Bess Pearce
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Delaware, Chas. Sumner No. 2	Eliza Colbert
Texas, Gen'l. D. S. Stanley Circle No. 3	Marie Neff

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New York	Harriet Eaton
Indiana	Marion Needham
Colorado & Wyoming	Lena Stong
Michigan	Nellie Wall
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Washington & Alaska	Dove Krapp
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Oregon	Freeda Peterson
Connecticut	Phoebe Simmons
Maine	Lottie Bassett
Rhode Island	Theo Redfern
Vermont	Mary St. Cyr
Montana	Belle Pears
Florida	Laura M. Smith
Utah	Ada B. Geib
New Hampshire	Mary O. Gay
Potomac Washington, D. C.	Emma F. Hayward
Kentucky No. 2	Jeanette Hatfield

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Laura Maxwell
Clara McDevitt
Alice Williams
Nellie Banks
Mary Stadelhofer
Mary Schoenbury
Ruth Wiltek
Elizabeth Ball
Marion Leach
Ella Cressler
Gertrude Coffee
Jessie Bruder
Louise Amberg
Adeline Walsh
Emma Clark
Clementine Furst
Edna Taylor
Carrie Rigby
Mary Bates
Alice Swiss
Anna Smith
Jessie Downing
Florence Skellinger
Myrtle Greehan
Lina Hayes

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Nan Vernon
Fannie Mason
Maybelle Nissen
Alice James
Mary Hodge
Maud Burk
Laura Beyers
Cora B. Wise
Jennie Wittsche
May G. Porter
Mary McElroy
Clairice Cunningham
Martha Chappell
Pearl Haynes
Faith Lather
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Clara Smith
Nannie Sharritt

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Fannie B. Small
Belle Carson
Louise Shupe

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Mabel Smith
Katherine Wright
Mary Murphy

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Hattie Young
Anetta Field
Virginia Mack
Sallie Gray
Mattie Lightfoot
Lular Dickerson

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Lunetta Konkright
Etta Tyler
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Mabel Rinehart

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Minnie Ellis
Ethna Hasty
Nora L. Morris
Effie Johnson
Ethel Turner

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Sadie Lewis
Louise Leffingwell
Mary Mullahy
Frankie Fenkenhoefer
Eva Kerns
Olive Welch
Mary Boetz
Margaret Morrison

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Genevieve Viets
Ethel Cothrell
Elsie Dietz
Mabel Girardot

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Alma Speckner

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Zellah Wurtzbacker
Verna B. Sears
Mary E. Stephan

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Elva Evens
Maria Jacka
Bell Banford
Loretta Donica
Fannie Fitzpatrick
Frances Fellows
Jane Williamson
Claudia Masecar
Nellie Blackburn
Lillian Patridge
Mattie Brook
Joe Ann Krapp

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Ethel Mott
Leota M. Brown
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Bessie Roe

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Dora Bridges
Maybell Glenn
May Young
Fannie Frost
Emma Place

Flora Farwell
Lutie Nichols
Emma Swann

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Nellie White Emma Fletcher
Hattie Proctor Grace Chamberlain

DEPT. OF POTOMAC

Susie Owry Lucille Tamms

KENTUCKY NO. 2

Mary Williams

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Montana ..... Gertrude McVay
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Florida ..... Mary A. Weston
Utah ..... Margaret Fisher
New Hampshire ..... Edith McLane
Potomac ..... Emma F. Hayward
Kentucky No. 2 ..... Miss Adele Scott

XII. In closing this, my second General Order, I pledge anew to you my loyalty to my Organization and my best efforts to the work of this Order and please know that every action of mine is for the welfare of our Order and I ask that every Sister pledge

herself to work with each other in harmony and sisterly love and make this Order the finest in the world. And this be our Prayer:

"Teach me to do the best I can
To help and cheer my fellow man;
Teach me to lose my selfish need,
And glory in the larger deed,
Which smooths the road and lights the day,
For all who chance to come my way."

Sincerely, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

ETHELYN P. SMITH,
National President.

Attest: Lydia Vasholz,
National Secretary.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
OMAHA, NEBRASKA
GENERAL ORDER NO. 3

Series 1941-1942 May 1, 1942

I. The Fifty-sixth National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 13th to 18th, 1942. The Hotel Lincoln has been chosen for our National Headquarters and the management has assured us that ample space for our meetings, and sufficient housing for our delegates will be provided and everything will be done to make us comfortable.

National Officers and Past National Presidents are requested to notify the National President, at once, if they desire reservations made for them.

Department Presidents will write direct to Mr. Paul Walk, Assistant Manager, Lincoln Hotel for Headquarters and mention that they are attending the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Convention. Delegates also will please make your reservations early so the Hotel may know how many to provide for.

The following special rates have been provided:

Court rooms	Single	$2.75	Double	$4.25
Outside rooms	Single	3.00	Double	4.50
Outside rooms	Single	3.50	Double	5.00
Outside rooms	Single	4.00	Double	6.00

Rooms with twin beds for double occupancy, $6.00, $6.50, $7.00.

Rooms with two double beds for occupancy by four persons, $8.00 or $2.00 per person.

Sister Bessie Hart has been appointed Chairman of Arrangements and she with her Committee are working hard to make the Convention a most enjoyable meeting. I hope as many as possible will plan to attend.

II. Department Conventions are now being held and your National President extends best wishes to each Department for a most successful and harmonious Convention and will attend as many Conventions as possible. Owing to conflicting dates, she cannot attend all, but is sending representatives to those which she is unable to reach, and asks that all courtesies be extended them.

III. CIRCLE PRESIDENTS: I wish to call your attention to Page 28, Article 8, Section 2 of Rules and Regulations which states, "Any Circle in arrears for REPORTS, PER CAPITA TAX and

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, shall be excluded from all representation in the Department Convention until same is forwarded.

ALSO, each year our Organization leaves a Memorial in the Convention City. PLEASE see that your Circle contributes as generously as possible to this fund. Of late the Circles have not seemed to understand that this is a part of their obligation, together with Bugle Call, Per Capita and Grand Army tax.

IV. RETIRING DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES: Please see that credential blanks and election returns with names and correct addresses of newly elected Department Officers, are sent to National Secretary, Lydia Vasholz, 308 North Main Street, Fremont, Nebraska, immediately after Department Convention.

V. DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS: You are requested to send in your reports to National Chaplain, Arada B. Doughty, 125 North Dudley Street, Camden, New Jersey immediately after Memorial Day.

VI. DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS: You are urged to be prompt in sending your reports to National Patriotic Instructor Marie J. Buhler, 68 Arthur Street, Yonkers, New York. You are also urged to distribute our Patriotic Leaflets to the School children, Girl and Boy Scout Troops. These may be obtained from the National Treasurer, Gladys W. Newton, P. O. Box 246, Charleston, West Virginia, for one cent each.

VII. DEPARTMENT REGISTRARS: Please send your reports to the National Registrar, Lillie G. Wall, 2421 Fourth Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

VIII. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS. We have only FOUR Departments in arrears for the Bugle Call and Grand Army tax. Check up and see if your Department has paid its obligation and if not, take care of this matter at once.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Department of Kentucky No. 1, for the splendid work they have done this year in raising their delinquent payment and at their Department Convention, sent their check to National Headquarters IN FULL for ALL FUNDS. Congratulations!

MOTHER'S DAY

IX. On May 10th, the second Sunday in May, we will observe "MOTHER'S DAY". What memories come to us at the name of Mother! All of the joys of our life multiplied by thought of her; all of our sorrows softened by her comforting hand. 'Mother', God's greatest gift to humanity. If she is still with us, let us pause to tell her of our love and appreciation of all she has been to us. If she has gone on to her heavenly Home, let us commemorate her memory by doing some act of kindness to some one.

"We'll not forget them, we who stay
To work a little longer here,
Their names, their faith, their love shall lie
On Memory's page, all bright and clear."

MEMORIAL DAY

X. On May 30th, we will commemorate our Soldier dead and this year, more than ever, we should cherish the memory of our brave Boys in Blue who preserved our Union. As we decorate their graves with flowers and Flags, we more gratefully realize just what they have done for us. When our blessings seem about to be taken from us—then we come to know just what they mean to us and they

become more precious to us. As our Country is threatened from without, we come to know what a wonderful land is ours and to more firmly resolve to fight for it and to protect our Flag against all enemies. So let us more reverently than ever, observe Memorial Day and pledge anew to our few remaining Comrades, our gratitude and our determination to keep forever, our FLAG and COUNTRY free forever from those who would destroy it, and thus prove to them that they have not died in vain.

GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN'S MEMORIAL DAY ORDER

General Order No. 11

The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of Comrades who died in defense of their Country, during the late rebellion, and those whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance, no form of ceremony is prescribed, but Post and Comrades will, in their own way, arrange such fitting service and testimonials of respect as circumstances permit.

We are organized, Comrades, as our regulations tell us for a purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind fraternal feelings, which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines, who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our Country and its foes° Their soldier lives were a reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms.

We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All of the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security, is but a fitting tribute to the memory of their slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed ground; let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present and coming generations that we have forgotten as a people, the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us.

Let us then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old Flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledge to aid and assist those whom they have left among us, a sacred charge upon the Nation's gratitude,—the soldier's and sailor's widows and orphans.

It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed Comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend it friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of Comrades in all parts of the Country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

Department Comrades will use every effort to make this Order effective.

By command of
JOHN A LOGAN, Commander-in-Chief

N. P. CHIPMAN, Adjutant-General.

FLAG DAY

XI. The 14th of June is Flag Day. Members, display your Flag on this day and observe this day in your Circles. Let us tell the story of the Flag on this, the birthday of the Flag.

"Our Flag, noble Flag, does your heart beat more true
When you gaze at the Red and the White and the Blue?"

FATHER'S DAY

XII. The 3rd Sunday in June has been designated as Father's Day. In war, our Fathers have protected our Flag and Country, and have been the Head of the Home. Let us remember HIM today, who has been our protector. Let us, on this their day, show to them our gratitude and love. If they have gone from us, let us revere their memory.

XIII. Your National President takes pleasure in appointing the following Sisters as members of her official staff.

ASSISTANT CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES

CALIFORNIA

Jessie B. Husbands
Anna Brooks
Nellie Borman
Doris Heustis
Margaret Taylor
Nellie Marie Mason
Annette Gayette
Bertha Dillabo
Nellie Smith
Mildred Hunter
Nettie Harris
Mabel Walrath

OKLAHOMA

Stella Burnett
Myrtle Fortner
Eva K. Lankford

KENTUCKY

Ella May Alcron
Bessie Moore
Lulu Demaree
Ida Ashley

WASHINGTON

Sadie Grimes
Emily Oehler
Phoebe Asher
Gertrude Marsh
Mattie Hunt
Pattie Gail Hardson
Cecil Shafer
Ethel May
Florence Gross

NEW JERSEY

Elizabeth Moon
Gladys Ryer
Elsie Oehley
Anna Woodruff
Katheryn Fink
Mabel Mach

MINNESOTA

Bertie Moon

INDIANA

Effie Harrold
Gladys Gardiner
Mary F. Gabriel
Effie Johnson
Jessie Jones
Belle Hurtt

MAINE

Clyda McGann
Esther Soule
Bessie Polk
Frances Oakes
Susie Lamb
Edith Jackson
Ethel Peters
Minnie Berry

COLORADO

Ella Mae McCammon
Mathilda Henderson

NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE ASSISTANTS

MINNESOTA

Maude L. Simmons

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annie Lewis
Lois Proctor
Louise Chamberlain
Persis Dickerman
Lotta Randlett

KENTUCKY

Ida Ashby
Edith King

COLORADO

Clara Haggard
Josephine Price

CALIFORNIA

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Mary Dimmock
Agnes Peterson

MAINE

Mary Fish
Lena Ward
Mary Woodbury
Sylvia Ashe
Florence Miner

NEW JERSEY

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Fannie McLaughlin
Martha J. Huff
Grace O'Connell
Thelma Miller
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Helen Petty
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Helen Keegan
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Agnes Ladkey
Bertha Greenwood
Mabel Van Houton

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Bertha Pearce
Eva Harrison
Margaret Gouch
Clara Bagley
Romona Bailey
Leona Brown
Margaret Swan
Ruth Bither
Merle Pare
Mary Liggett
Florence Altone
Nettie Kennedy

XIV. DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS: Please see that any resolutions or questions for National Convention, considered in your Department Convention, are sent to the National Secretary AT THE CLOSE OF YOUR CONVENTION. By so doing, you will greatly aid the Advisory Council to bring these decisions before the National Convention early in the session.

IN MEMORIAM

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Grand Army of the Republic in the passing of Comrade John A. Hamilton, Quartermaster General.

Sister Camilla Elliott, Past National Chaplain, and Past Department President of Nebraska passed away at the home of her daughter in Burbank, California.

Sister Ida Ashby, Past Department Treasurer of Kentucky No. 2 passed away very suddenly April 24th.

To Sister Rose Berseng in the loss of her mother, Sister Jeanette Hall, and to all who have lost dear ones, we extend our love and sympathy.

"No one hears the door that opens
When they pass beyond our call,
Soft as loosened leaves of roses
One by one our loved ones fall.
But we shall see them in His likeness
When we, too, have passed beyond;
Hand in hand around God's altar
When our work on earth is done."

XV. In closing this, my third General Order, I again urge you to make an effort to obtain those two members and receive the nice Flag pin. There will also be prizes for the Department, for the Circle and for the Sister securing the most new members. Get busy and secure one of these prizes.

Sincerely in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
ETHELYN P. SMITH,
National President.

Attest: Lydia Vasholz,
National Secretary.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Series 1941-1942 **August 1, 1942**

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4

I. The Fifty-sixth National Encampment will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 13-18, 1942.

II. Headquarters will be established at Hotel Lincoln, Room 1211, Sunday, September 13th, where your National President will be glad to welcome you.

III. For reservations write at once to Mr. Paul Walk, Manager of Hotel Lincoln, and state that you are attending the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Convention.

IV. All business sessions will be held in the Travertine Room on the 14th Floor of the Hotel Lincoln. This room is large and convenient, and you will be happy and comfortable during the meetings.

V. Bessie Hart, 527 North Noble Street, Indianapolis, Indiana has been appointed Chairman of Arrangements, and she and her committee are working hard to make this a very enjoyable and worthwhile Convention. I urge every delegate to make a special effort to attend.

VI. Credential and Registration Committees will meet on the 14th Floor, Sunday and Monday at 9:00 A. M. When the Registration Fee of $1.00 has been paid by all delegates, Credentials will be accepted and badges issued to Department Presidents and Presidents under National Jurisdiction, for their delegates.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Lydia Vasholz, National Secretary, Nebraska; Gertrude Fox, Indiana; Mabel Richardson, Idaho; Edna Mae Fitzgerald, Missouri.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Gladys W. Newton, National Treasurer, New York; Theo Redfern, Rhode Island; Pearl Nihranz Asher, Michigan; Bertha Hodgkinson, Oklahoma.

All other appointments will be made at Convention.

VII. Council of Administration will meet Saturday afternoon to audit the books of the National Treasurer, National Secretary and Editor of the Bugle Call.

VIII. Advisory Council will meet at 9:00 A. M. Sunday in the Italian Room.

All questions to come before the Advisory Council must be sent in at once, and must come through the proper channel to receive the attention of the Advisory Council.

IX. Books of the National Treasurer and Secretary will close August 30th. Please order all supplies before that time and see that all reports and per capita tax and assessments are paid so your delegates may be seated.

X. Department Election Returns and Credentials should be sent to the National Secretary AT ONCE.

XI. DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS, PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS, REGISTRARS AND HISTORIANS must forward reports to their respective National Officer. Please comply with your duty that your Department may be 100% on reports.

XII. I am asking all National Officers to bring typewritten reports to be read at Convention. I am allowing three minutes for each report, so make them concise.

XIII. Each year a Memorial is left in the City where our convention is held. This year we are presenting a very beautiful Flag to the Veterans Hospital in Indianapolis. Each Department is expected to have a share in this Memorial, and you are requested to send your contributions to the National Secretary as soon as possible. Only a few Departments have given to this Memorial, and I am asking that you all do your part.

XIV. ATTENTION DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS: The National Chaplain has asked that all Department Presidents wear white for the Memorial Service.

XV. Our Fathers and Mothers Banquet is given to honor our Comrades, their wives and widows. Please invite a Comrade and his wife as your guest, and show them that we honor and appreciate them. In a short time they will be gone from us, and the privilege we now have of honoring them, will no longer be ours. Let us make the most of our time now and add to their pleasure while we can. You may have a dear old lady in your delegation that should be especially honored. Invite her. I want to see a number of these honored guests this year; and, would appreciate it if you would notify me of the number who will be your guests. Let us give meaning to our Mothers and Fathers Banquet. Frances M. Kuhns, Past National President, is Chairman.

XVI. I have offered prizes to the Department, Circle and Member bringing in the most new members since September, 1941. Be sure to send in your report to the National Secretary, that your Department, Circle and Member may compete for the prizes.

There is still time to obtain those two members and receive a Flag Pin. Get busy and take home a prize.

XVII. To the Past National Presidents and members of my official family: I thank you for your loyalty, help and inspiration this year.

The Department Presidents and members of the Departments: My heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your support, and for the kindnesses and courtesies shown me when attending your Convention.

To all those with whom I have served:

George A. Gay, Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic: To you I extend my thanks for your unfailing kindness and courtesy to me. It was a real joy to meet you and your good wife in our travels. My best wishes to you for a happy Convention.

Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, Secretary to the Grand Army of the Republic: My thanks and appreciation for your help and kindness to me during this year.

Mrs. Mary Luchsinger, President, National Woman's Relief Corps: I am thankful for the pleasure of knowing you, Most Gracious Lady.

Erma Hard Chaplin, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865: My greetings and best wishes for a successful convention.

Mrs. Margaret Schroeder, National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: It has been a privilege to serve with you this year, and I thank you for the courtesies extended to me as we have met in the Conventions; and, most particularly for the sweet welcome of flowers sent to me when in your State of New Jersey.

Alfred C. Lambert, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans: It has been a pleasure to be a part of the Official Family with you, and my thanks for your consideration. I extend to you greetings and best wishes for a most successful Convention.

XVIII.

IN MEMORIAM

To the members of our beloved Order and the Allied Orders, who have been called upon to part with loved ones, the sincere sympathy of the National President and her staff, as well as our organization, is extended.

To the Grand Army of Nebraska in the loss of their Comrade Cyrus Fox, Senior Vice Commander, last Civil War Veteran in Lincoln County, who served in Co. C, 7th Iowa Cavalry. His burial was in Ft. McPherson Natl. Cemetery.

To the Daughters of Union Veterans in the loss of their National President and my co-worker, Glennola G. Sill who was unable because of illness to share the joys of our Official Family.

Our Past National Presidents in the loss of their sons—Howard, son of Clara N. Sawyer and Arthur H. son of Lida E. Manson.

Catherine G. Schroeder in the loss of her brother, Henry J. Barth of Florida.

The Department of Kentucky No. 2, in the loss of their Counselor, Elizabeth M. Cain, who closed her year in April.

Four Departments in the loss of their Past Department Presidents—Etta Lykes, New Jersey; Cora Lee Drum, Kansas; Vienna Parker Parrish, Kentucky No. 1; Mary C. Barbour, Michigan.

Elizabeth Coon, Department Counselor of Illinois, in the death of her mother, Frances Kubler; and Allie Dailey, Past Department Secretary of Nebraska in the death of her sister, Lucy Ann Hagenbuck.

XIX. In this my last General Order to you, I wish to express my thanks for your loyalty and cooperation. Your acts of kindness, your gifts, your expressions of sisterly love and encouragement given to me when in your Conventions, will never be forgotten; but will live in my memory all the days of my life.

I have tried to fill the office which you gave into my keeping with all the honor, love and devotion of which I am capable; and my earnest hope is that I have not disappointed you. My thanks to you.

Sincerely in F. C. and L.,
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